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City makes inroads on cab bylaw review

REGULATIONS

Council looks to get Uber, rogue taxis under control

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The City of Ottawa says it will continue investigating Uber drivers as it begins its taxi bylaw review.

The overhaul of the cab and limousine regulations began on Thursday with two discussion papers comparing Ottawa's taxi bylaws to other cities. The city wants public input on these papers, and its four other reports due on Oct. 22 and 29. The review is due by the end of this year.

Compared to other cities, Ottawa sits in the middle of the

road when it comes to licensing fees — \$217 per driver and \$584 per plate. Yet Ottawa's cab fare is third highest among those cities surveyed at \$21.78 for a 10-kilometre trip, according to the reports.

Coun. Diane Deans, chair of the community and protective services committee, said the airport taxi protests and emerging technologies like Uber further complicate an already "piece-meal" cab bylaw.

One organization that will be paying very close attention to the ongoing review is Coventry Connections, the city's largest taxi operator. Coventry owns five per cent of Ottawa taxi plates, according to the report.

Hanif Patni, Coventry Connections president and CEO, said he is pleased with the process the city is taking, but understands it has limited resources to enforce the taxi bylaw.

The report says the low fine Uber drivers face "hinders ef-

fective enforcement" and that the city's bylaw enforcement team hasn't been able to keep up with the popularity of Uber in Ottawa.

"Uber has shown a pattern of ignoring the law while they're asking to be regulated," said Patni. "It's a modus operandi for Uber to ignore the law."

Uber maintains it is a smartphone app and not a taxi service.

The report noted Uber can block phone numbers and credit card information from certain users, so the city might have to use a new phone number and

"It's very easy for the city to do that at very little cost. They can arrange that very easily with banks," he said.

Susan Jones, the acting deputy city manager of city operations, said the city receives \$1 million a year from the taxi industry, which foots enforcement costs.

Ottawa South MPP John Fraser's private members bill, which would tack on heavier fines and demerit points as penalties against bandit cabs, including Uber, was recently referred to committee.



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credit card for each enforcement action.

But Patni said he believes it wouldn't cost the city a whole lot of money to do that on a case-by-case basis.

It would give cities in Ontario "more teeth" to go after Uber drivers, according to Patni.

Uber has said previously it pays for all fines issued to its drivers.

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Poilievre spent \$15,000 on trips to tout child care benefit

CARLETON

Amount includes photo-ops in five provinces

Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre expensed \$2,200 for a trip to Winnipeg where he held a photo-op to watch government cheques for families coming off the presses, among other events.

Expense records obtained by Torstar show Poilievre billed the public for approximately \$15,300 for travel while searching for families not signed up for enhanced child care benefits between mid-April and the end of June.

Poilievre said his travels were important to meet Canadians on their own turf after being appointed minister of employment and social development, and his office said he conducted other business on these trips.

"It was important for me as a new minister of the largest department in government ... to be available for Canadians to share with me their views in how we can best serve them," said Poilievre, in an interview with Torstar News Service.

"And we were able to sign up thousands of parents for the Universal Child Care Benefit."

Poilievre held a series of



Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre responds to a question in the House of Commons back in June. The Carleton candidate is defending trips he made to promote the Conservatives' child care benefit. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

photo-ops and news conferences in five provinces and one territory between April 15 and June 30, the last day expense records were available in an access to information request from Torstar News Service.

The \$15,300 includes only trips where Poilievre held an

event to promote the UCCB. Other costs, such as political staff travel or bureaucratic support, were not included. Torstar News Service did not include other ministerial trips where UCCB was not on the agenda.

The photo-ops focused on the number of families in the

city, region or province who had yet to sign up for the increased benefits — 200 families in Campbell River, 2,600 in Saskatoon, and so on.

Poilievre's taxpayer-funded hunt for taxpayers occasionally became very targeted, such as on July 7 when he tweeted he

was in the small city of Montmagny, Que.

His office was quick to point out that the minister routinely did more than one event on the travels, including speaking to Chambers of Commerce, meeting with municipal officials, and making unrelated

announcements.

The minister — a self-described small government advocate, attributing to himself the phrase that "government cannot give anything without first taking it away" — also did not splurge on accommodations, staying in budget hotels like Super 8 and Best Western.

But Poilievre has previously been in hot water for his aggressive promotion of the UCCB. In May, opposition critics demanded an apology after it emerged the Ottawa minister had brought in public servants on a weekend to film a promotional YouTube clip, complete with shots of him shaking hands with constituents.

In July, Poilievre wore a blue shirt emblazoned with the Conservative party logo at a taxpayer-funded news conference marking the day UCCB cheques were mailed out.

When asked if he sees any contradiction between his small government beliefs and his aggressive promotion of government cheques, Poilievre said that the UCCB gives money back to parents so they can decide how to use it.

"That is perfectly consistent with a small government, conservative approach," Poilievre said. "Other parties believe in government daycare programs that are bureaucratic and centrally-controlled."

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Get a head start on your holiday by shopping and supporting local crafters at the Makers Pop-Up Bazaar on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There's over 40 vendors selling everything from fancy canned goods to ceramics at Makerspace North, located at 250 City Centre Bay. Admission is \$5 at the door.



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Brewaucracy (Saturday)

Eight Ontario breweries, including Beyond the Pale, Broadheart and Moskoka will be meeting in Hintonburg Park from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the Ottawa Brewery Market's last event of 2015. As of print time, flurries are in the forecast for Saturday — but that won't stop beer lovers in a winter town like Ottawa. Local food truck favourites will be serving up sausages, noodles and bao buns.



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Merrickville's Jazz Festival (All weekend)

Merrickville, about an hour's drive south of Ottawa, is hosting its annual Jazz festival from Thursday to Sunday if you're looking to get out of town this weekend and enjoy some great performances. Musical acts are taking place in public, restaurants and churches across the historic village, including "Canada's sweetheart of swing" Alex Pangman and the Fern Lindzon jazz trio.

**Plaid Parade (Sunday)**

Time to bring out your fuzzy flannel and welcome fall at the fourth annual cycling Plaid Parade, starting at Lansdowne Park at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Climb on your bike and wear your plaid goods — from scarves to shirts — in any colour to join the "kilometre of plaid." This year's event is run by Tall Tree Cycles, XO Velo and the North Dalhousie BIA.

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Poutinefest (All weekend)

Poutine festivals seem to happen a whole lot in Ottawa, but it never seems to get old. We love our gravy, fries and curds. Trucks will line three blocks of Sparks Street from Bank Street down to Elgin Street. On Friday and Saturday the festival starts from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Mick Foley greets the audience at WWE SummerSlam 2015 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn on Aug. 23 in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

Show isn't a giant leap for Mankind

WRESTLING

Foley ditches persona for his spoken word act

 **Trevor Greenway**
Metro | Ottawa

It wasn't long ago that wrestling fans were terrified of Mick Foley.

It was usually when donning his creepy Mankind mask and finishing his opponents with his dirty sock puppet Mr. Socko.

But that was then. Now, fans are coming out in droves to see Foley on stage as he tours the continent with his one-man spoken word show, Tales from the Wrestling Past.

"I stopped terrifying people in 1997 when Dude Love appeared in WWE," says Foley.

"People got the sense that there was a pretty decent guy

in there somewhere."

I take my swings and sometimes I miss wildly.

Mick Foley

stitches and lost an ear. There are too many injuries to list in one article alone.

"If people name a body part, chances are I have done some damage to it, so I am not exactly moving cat-like on the stage," laughs Foley.

"It's all the things I loved about being in the ring without getting hurt anymore."

And it's clear that Ottawa has found its love for Foley. The wrestling icon was here a year ago with his travelling show and he's already back for more, with four shows in two days in the nation's capital. Don't be surprised if Jason Sensation shows up for a surprise appearance again, as Foley has a few surprises up his sleeve if he does.

Foley is at the Ottawa comedy club Friday and Saturday, two shows each night at 7 and 9:30 p.m. There will also be a meet-and-greet at each of the shows with a session before the early shows and one after the late shows.

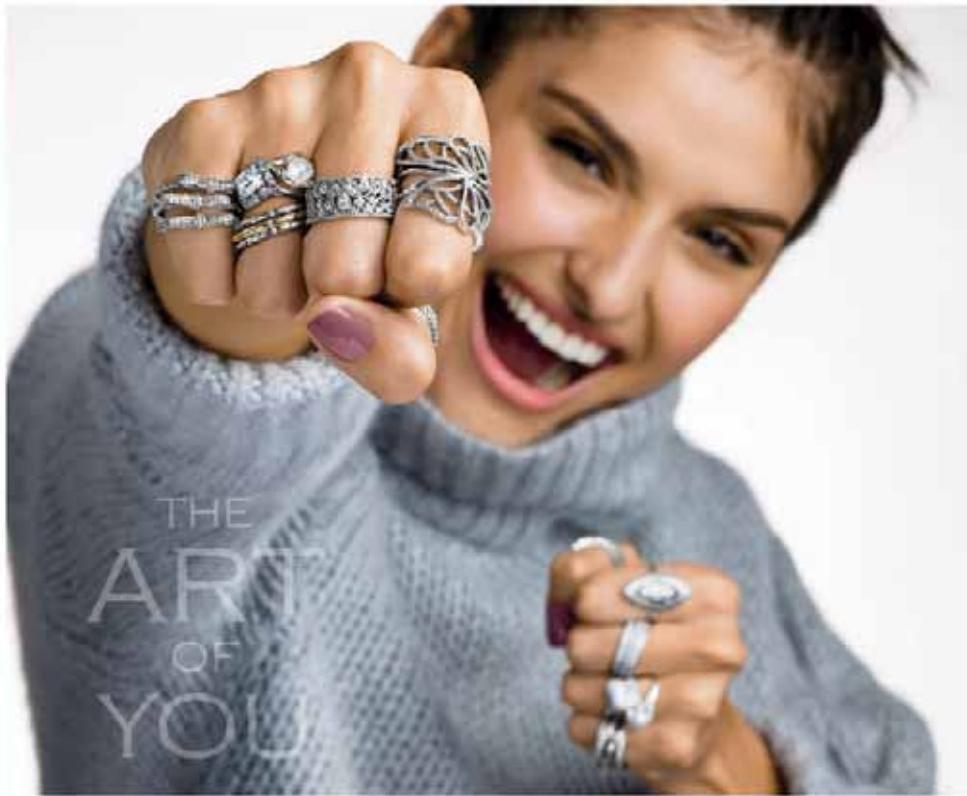
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Councillors defend claims

EXPENSES

Public footed \$300 bill for Coun. Hubley's speaker system



**Lucy
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Coun. Allan Hubley speaks loud and clear about why he paid \$300 in taxpayers' dollars for a new portable speaker system and megaphone.

Both purchases — the speakers cost \$279.99 and the megaphone cost \$19.60 — are for the 20-odd community events he hosts a year, such as breakfasts and development proposals.

"By the amount of people that come out to these events ... they're happy that they can hear us and they're happy that we're willing to do this for them," Hubley said, adding that it's cheaper

to buy a sound system than rent one for each event.

The Kanata South councillor's expenses are revealed in documents obtained by Metro through the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Metro recently reported on the \$380 blender that Innes Ward Coun. Jody Mitic purchased for his office. It drew a mixed response on social media, with some people aghast at the cost while others asked to try a cup of the "bulletproof" coffee he blends. These purchases have raised questions about what's appropriate for councillors to buy with taxpayers' dollars.

Apart from expense budgets, councillors also receive \$6,900 in car allowance. In a few cases, councillors expensed cab fare separately, which could be seen as double dipping.

"If you were doing this all the time, I would agree with you," said Gloucester-Southgate Coun. Diane Deans, who expensed a

cab ride to a seniors' roundtable. She said it was under an "extenuating circumstance" — she was rushing from the airport to the meeting.

The council expense policy does not say expensed cab rides count as double-dipping. Sometimes, it may be cheaper to hail a taxi than pay for parking.

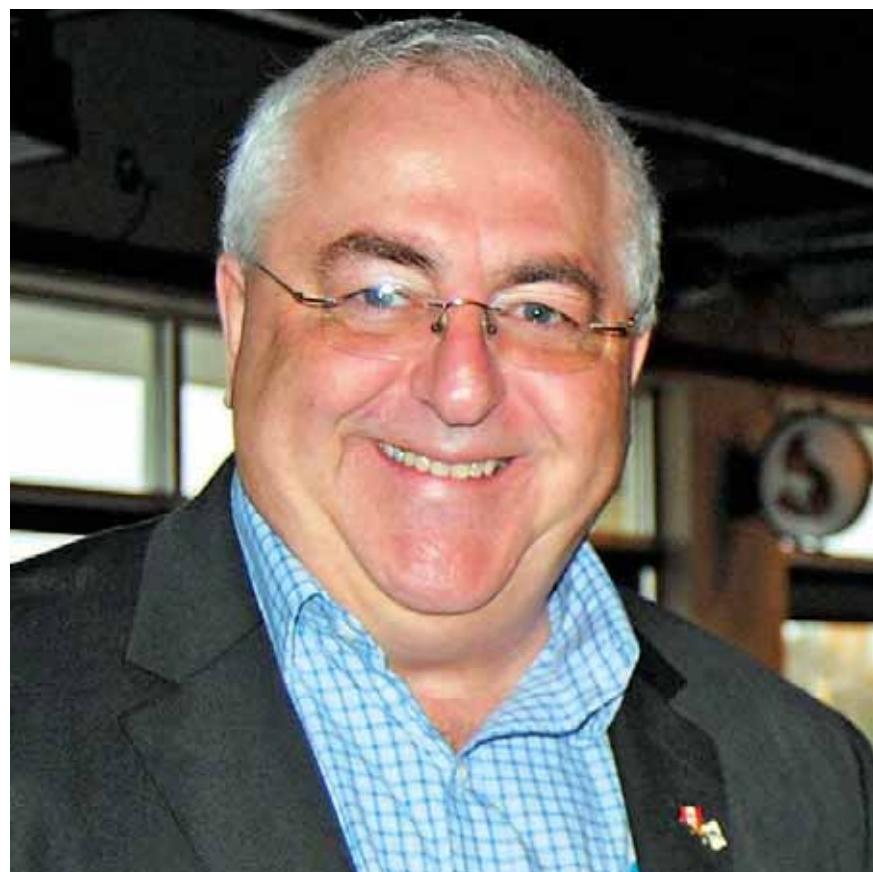
Deputy city clerk Leslie Donnelly said her office acts as an advisor to councillors when it comes to expense claims. In some cases, city staff will circle an expense he or she thinks is inappropriate, but it does not necessarily contravene the rules.

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If the expense
policy is silent, we
can simply provide
members with our
best advice.

Leslie Donnelly



Kanata South Coun. Allan Hubley says the equipment is being used for constituency events such as breakfasts and development proposals. FACEBOOK



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Candidates' keys to a long campaign



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Good shoes, good coffee and good tunes.

Beyond the essential labour of campaign staff and volunteers, and the patience and support of families, it's those essentials that got local candidates through this marathon federal election race.

Metro Ottawa asked candidates what they couldn't live without during the 11 weeks of long days on the campaign trail.

They all, of course, gave an immediate nod to patient and supportive spouses, tireless staff, and the backing of voters in their respective ridings.

New Democrat Sean Devine though, running in Nepean, insisted his wife deserved credit — "I know it's a cliché, but in my situation it's absolutely true" — in part because she allowed the campaign office to take over their home.

A sense of humour was essential to both Kanata-Carleton Liberal candidate Karen Mc-Crimmon and Ottawa South Conservative Dev Balkissoon. And Balkissoon, along with

Conservative David Piccini, running in Ottawa-Vanier, counted on the support of their dogs.

Music fans include Gatineau Liberal hopeful Steve MacKinnon who tuned into "All-Canadian Blues in the campaign van, courtesy of Blues Bud Brent Diab of Dawg-FM" and Ottawa Centre New Democrat incumbent Paul Dewar, who prefers rock to blues and listened to "lots of Bruce and Bruce (Cockburn and Springsteen) and a touch of The Clash."

Carleton New Democrat candidate Kc Laroque was thankful for a coffee shop near her campaign office for the flow of caffeine and grateful for "making it home on those rare nights to see my daughter before she went to sleep."

It was a similar theme for Conservative hopeful Damian Konstantinakos, who relied more on local cafes to meet voters, not for fuel, and instead depended on his "kids waking me up in the morning by poking me in the eye" for a jolt of energy.

And finally, coming in a close second to the support of the people around them, it was shoes, often more than one pair, that got candidates through this race.

CRIME

Suspect arrested in connection to Ottawa robberies

Ottawa police have charged a Winchester, Ont., man in connection with five recent robberies.

Police allege the man robbed a bank, a pharmacy, two fast-food restaurants and a bus terminal from Oct. 9-13.

Police claimed he had a gun during the robberies, although no one ever saw one.

He allegedly made off with cash in four robberies, and left the fifth empty-handed.

The man was arrested on Oct. 14 on Arlington Avenue by a uniformed patrol officer.

John Thillman, 35, is charged with five counts of robbery, five counts of carrying a concealed weapon, and five counts of possession of a weapon in the commission of an offence.

He also faces three counts of uttering threats and a total of 13 counts of breach of recognition.

He appeared in court Thursday.

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Public service unions ramp up anti-Tory push

ELECTION

Members' vote could affect results in some Ottawa races

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Federal public service unions are pulling out all the stops in their anyone-but-Conservative campaigns in the final days of the marathon election period.

The Professional Institute of Public Service of Canada, which represents federal scientists, auditors and IT specialists, has targeted several key ridings in which it believes its members could have sway.

"We see a bit of a wave happening right now in Ottawa, and we want to capitalize on that wave," said PIPSC president Debi Daviau.

In Nepean, a new riding that polling has shown to be a close race between Conservative Andy Wang and Liberal Chandra Arya, PIPSC has about 3,300 members, while the Public Service Alliance of Canada has another 2,700.

PIPSC has focused on other swing ridings. In Kanata-Carleton, where Liberal Karen McCrimmon and Conservative Walter Pamic are running, PIPSC has 2,300 members and

PSAC has 1,900.

In Orleans, where Liberal Andrew Leslie is hoping to unseat Conservative Royal Galipeau, PIPSC has 3,000 members and PSAC has 4,300.

"Those kinds of numbers can actually make a difference," Daviau said.

PIPSC and PSAC say they aren't advocating for any particular party — just against the Conservatives. But Daviau noted that there seems to be a "Liberal wave" happening in Ottawa.

"For us, it was always about replacing this government," she said.

This week, Daviau went door-knocking in Carleton, where she says Conservative Pierre Poilievre is less of a lock for re-election than once thought.

"We thought it was just symbolic at the start, but now we actually see an opportunity to maybe make a change in that riding," she said.

It's the first election where PIPSC has conducted any political activity.

"We just felt that we were left with no choice," Daviau said. "All our members ever wanted was the ability to do their jobs in peace on behalf of Canadians, and they find more and more that they're not able to do that under this government."

The Public Service Alliance of Canada, the largest public service union, is continuing its anti-Conservative Vote to Stop the Cuts campaign, and released polling on Thursday



Debi Daviau, president of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada, speaks at a rally for government scientists at Tunney's Pasture back in May. METRO FILE

it said suggests the campaign is resonating with voters.

The parties have been gunning for the public service vote, with the Liberals and NDP both proposing to restore a "respectful" relationship between the

government and the public service.

The Conservatives have also made an effort, with leader Stephen Harper writing an open letter to public servants to correct "misinformation"

about the government's plans for public servants' sick leave and pensions.

At the time, PSAC national president Robyn Benson dismissed the letter as too little, too late.

metro EXCLUSIVE

Challenges cause feds to dig deep

The federal government had to look under the couch cushions to fight Charter challenges to public-sector labour and employment legislation for a second straight year in 2014-15, a newly released document shows.

Treasury Board President Tony Clement approved dipping into a frozen allotment to fund litigation costs the government incurred when responding to such challenges, according to a memo to Clement obtained by Metro under the Access to Information Act.

The April 2015 memo says the department was able to fund such expenditures between 2010 to 2013, totalling \$4.9 million.

"However, because of the department's tight financial situation in 2013-14, the department, for the first time, requested and received your approval to release \$1.5M from the frozen allotment," the memo says.

"The department's financial situation continued to be tight in 2014-15," the document said. "As a result, we are again seeking your approval to release funds from the frozen allotment for Charter challenges to cover 2014-15 actual expenditures of \$0.6M."

Federal unions have criticized the Conservative government for passing legislation they allege violated their members' Charter rights.

Earlier this year, the unions filed a Charter challenge to Bill C-59, the government's omnibus budget bill that became law in June, due to provisions that the unions alleged would allow the government to unilaterally impose a new short-term disability regime, bypassing the collective bargaining process.

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EDUCATION

Frustration rises over ETFO impasse



**This media stunt
is yet another
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faith bargaining.**

Sam Hammond

Everyone from parents to the premier is frustrated by the fact there's still no tentative contract agreement with the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne said Thursday.

"I am frustrated; I absolutely am frustrated," Wynne said. "There's a lot of frustration on the part of boards. There's frustration on the part of parents, and certainly I feel frustrated that we haven't been able to get an agreement."

a statement Wednesday saying that negotiations with ETFO had stalled on the issues of sick leave and benefits. ETFO called the boards' statement "a hostile move" that undermined any good will and progress made at the bargaining table.

"This media stunt is yet another example of bad faith bargaining," union president Sam Hammond said in a statement.

"ETFO is now going to have to re-evaluate how to proceed."

Hammond did not mention one-day rotating strikes at schools, which ETFO had warned could start this month if there was no progress made in negotiations.

The union had been waiting for the call to reconsider the latest offer and return to the bargaining table, but instead the school boards "used the media to sidestep the negotiations," said Hammond.

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The teachers' union blasted the Ontario Public School Boards Association for releasing

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Katerina Mertikas, left, and Menna Glyn Andrews pose next to an illustration in their book *We Stand on Guard*. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Moving on after shooting

LITERATURE

Children's book released before anniversary of Ottawa attack



Joe Lofaro
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"This book is a children's book, but it's not so dark. It's about moving on," explained Mertikas Thursday.

One of the illustrations in the book is of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and Cpl. Branden Stevenson — the sentry who was beside Cirillo the day of the shooting — standing guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Another illustration depicts a group of children hugging each other.

"It's good for them. Nobody likes to deal with death so (Andrews) doesn't use the word 'death.' She uses 'a life taken.' Because it is part of life so it is a book that tells us as long as we're together and we have a group of people, of friends, that we can support each other somehow, that we make it through," said Mertikas.

Local author Menna Glyn Andrews wrote the book, *We Stand on Guard*, which includes illustrations by Ottawa artist Katerina Mertikas.

Mertikas was the same artist who created *Honouring My Father*, a painting depicting Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and his son at the National War Memorial. The original hangs in Mayor Jim Watson's boardroom.

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The book costs \$20 including tax. Royalties from sales will be donated in support of children through the Department of National Defence family resource centres.

IN BRIEF

Part of the 417 to be closed both ways this weekend

The City of Ottawa is warning of "significant delays" during upcoming closures on the Queensway.

Part of Highway 417 will be closed both ways, starting at 11 p.m. tonight until 11 p.m. Sunday night to replace the Kent Street Bridges.

The Parkdale Avenue and Carling Avenue on-ramps to the 417 eastbound will also be closed from 10 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23 to midnight on Sunday, Oct. 25.

The O'Connor Street on-ramp to the 417 westbound will be closed from Wednesday, Oct. 21 until Monday, Oct. 26. METRO



Trevor Alguire is one of the panellists for How to Make Money on Tour. CONTRIBUTED

Touring: Not just slushies and a van

MUSIC

Workshop teaches bands ins and outs of the road

 **Trevor Greenway**
For Metro

There aren't many things worse for a band on tour than blowing your entire budget on a new muffler, windshield or new gear after getting robbed at a skeezy Manitoba motel.

Samantha Everts has heard the nightmarish tales of ill-prepared bands who think they can just buy a van, fill it with their mates and rock the country to bits — they never end like the movies do.

For Everts, who's been promoting music since her teenage years and managing bands along the way, there's a lot more to think about than just Funyuns, Big Gulps and gasoline when heading out on the road for the first time — a lot more.

"You're never going to make a lot of money on the road unless you have a plan in ad-

vance," says Everts, adding that most bands don't think about the little things that can make or break a band on the road.

"How does my merch set-up look? How can I make sure I can sell tickets in advance? There is so much more than just showing up at a venue and saying, 'I'm a rock star, come to my show!' Just even little things like making sure you have an oil change and connecting with local bands that open for you."

But don't just take it from her. Everts has assembled an impressive panel of artists and industry insiders to teach emerging bands tips and tricks on the road for the How to Make Money on Tour workshop at the Bluesfest School of Music & Art.

And it's not massive bands that have cult-status followings either, but, rather, guys like Trevor Alguire, who have gone out on the road with a solid financial plan in place before stepping on the gas. Alguire will talk about his many tours across Europe and North America playing in small clubs, and how he has always managed to come back in the black.

Want to know how bands like A Tribe Called Red, Young Empires, Grandtheft and Bed-

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Samantha Everts

ouin Soundclash make scratch on the road? Listen in on label Pirates Blend and artist manager Sean Ramesbottom's talk and you'll likely be amazed at how much detailed work goes into a short, cross-country tour.

"If you have some extra guitar strings, that's great, but what about having some kick-ass merch?" says Everts, who will moderate the Oct. 26 workshop.

"What about having enough records to sell? What about having all of your records printed before going out on the road?"

Jon Evenchick, owner and founder of Live! On Elgin, rounds out the panelists.

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Former Progressive Conservative leader Tim Hudak wants Ontario to pass legislation making Uber legal across the province and to help promote the sharing economy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Time to make Uber legal: Tim Hudak

ECONOMY

Conservative MPP proposes new law for new market

Former Progressive Conservative leader Tim Hudak says the Uber ride-hailing service should be legal across Ontario, and the province should embrace the new sharing economy enabled by technology.

Hudak says clear, consistent, provincewide rules would encourage more app-based businesses to set up in Ontario, and would put an end to the "guerilla warfare" in some cities over Uber and its impact on local taxi services.

"The province needs to take the lead as opposed to leaving it to municipalities," he said. "Send a signal that we're an economy that is open for innovators, for new ideas, and would take a leading role in supporting technology."

Hudak's private member's bill would also give a green light to new companies like AirBnB and Rover with apps that let people share their homes or parking spots. The apps help some people save money and others earn some extra cash, added Hudak.

"A million riders a month can't be wrong," he said. "Uber's obviously doing something right, and I think we have to allow that to happen rather than stand in the way."

Premier Kathleen Wynne said Ontario "absolutely" has to grow the new technology-enabled sharing economy.

"It's certainly something that we have to talk about," she said. "We can't pretend that the sharing economy isn't going to exist. We have to figure out a way to interact with it and do it in a way that protects consumers."

Under Hudak's bill, municipalities would not be able to ban Uber.

"There's still municipal licensing, but there's a new cat-

egory called the Transportation Networking Company, and there's consumer protection initiatives and public safety in there," he said.

Private member's bills rarely become law in Ontario, but Hudak is working with municipalities and the Liberal government to get his legislation passed.

"My goal here really is to spark a debate," he said. "I think it's important that we take advantage of the sharing economy for the benefits it brings for average people for their rainy day fund." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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ENTREPRENEURS

Uber-like app to bring snow plows to Ottawa driveways



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

After a ruthless winter in Ottawa, residents might be relieved to have a new, Uber-like app available at their fingertips for on-demand snow removal this season.

This app, however, comes without the controversy.

Bryce Potter is the chief operating officer of SnowMowr, an Ottawa-based company that will soon release an app that will send existing Ottawa snow plow contractors to residential driveways at the touch of a screen for a flat fee.

With the SnowMowr app, a user can describe the length and width of their driveways (for example, two cars long and two cars wide), get an instant quote, and then book a contractor to come to their address.

You can also see when the contractor is on the way, a picture of the completed job, and then rate the service, all through the app. Fees for most driveways start at \$35 plus tax.

While it's difficult for Potter to say whether his service is cheaper than calling a snowplow company directly, he says



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convenience is king."

"This is for the person who doesn't mind shovelling their snow sometimes and other times maybe they're busy and don't feel like doing it that day."

Potter said SnowMowr's quotes are based on research and partnerships with Ottawa contractors. The target audience for this new app is new homeowners, the elderly and residents who want a one-time snowplow at home while on vacation, he said. A plow can be ordered through the app

from anywhere with a Wi-Fi connection.

"You can also order this service for maybe an elderly loved one that lives on their own and you want to make sure they're taken care of," said Potter.

He's not alone in offering on-demand snow plow service. Another app called SnowMowz offers a similar service and is reportedly set to launch this fall.

Potter expects to release his free app on Apple's iOS devices by the end of 2015, followed by an Android release shortly after.

Tories using sex ed as wedge: Wynne

ELECTION 2015

Curriculum not a federal issue, premier points out

Premier Kathleen Wynne is lashing out at federal Conservatives who she says are using Ontario's new sex-education

curriculum to attack Liberal candidates in next Monday's election.

"The Conservative candidates, certainly in some ridings, were trying to use this issue as a wedge, and I think it's extremely unfortunate," Wynne said Thursday. "I think it is a deplorable tactic that is being used."

Wynne said even though Tory candidates are raising the

new curriculum with voters as they knock on doors, she hopes parents understand sex education is not a federal issue.

The Conservatives did not respond directly to Wynne's allegations about using the sex-ed curriculum to bash federal Liberal candidates, but said they wanted to highlight the similarities between her Liberal government and federal leader Justin Trudeau.

I think it is a deplorable tactic.
Kathleen Wynne

"We are pointing out the consequences of Justin's intent on pursuing the same disastrous economic policies Kathleen Wynne's Liberals have implemented, including pay-

roll tax hikes, out of control spending, job losses and skyrocketing energy costs," said Conservative campaign spokesman Stephen Lecce.

The fact that Justin Trudeau and the Liberals have all the momentum heading into next week's election shows the Conservatives' use of the sex-ed curriculum isn't helping them in Ontario, added Wynne.

The premier said the un-

fortunate part of the Tories' behaviour is that students really need the information in the revised curriculum, which hadn't been updated since smartphones were invented and "sexting" became a reality.

Wynne has said in the past that there is a strong element of homophobia in the opposition to the updated sex-ed curriculum.

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

NCC again taking bids for monument



Haley
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The new rendering appears to show the memorial slightly smaller than the original proposal. COURTESY NCC

After tendering delays and budget problems, the National Capital Commission is once again taking bids on the construction of the Holocaust Memorial.

The project is not to be confused with Ottawa's other much talked about Conservative-introduced memorial, the Memorial to Victims of Communism.

The Holocaust Memorial, dedicated to Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust, would be located at Booth Street and Wellington Street, near the Canadian War Museum.

On Thursday, the NCC put out a tender for the construction of the project, which closes Nov. 25. The new completion date is December 2016.

The monument was originally to be completed by 2015, but after going through the full tendering process, the qualified firms said they couldn't complete the project without going way over the \$8-million budget.

The NCC surveyed the contractors to find out the problems, and cut several features to bring down the price.

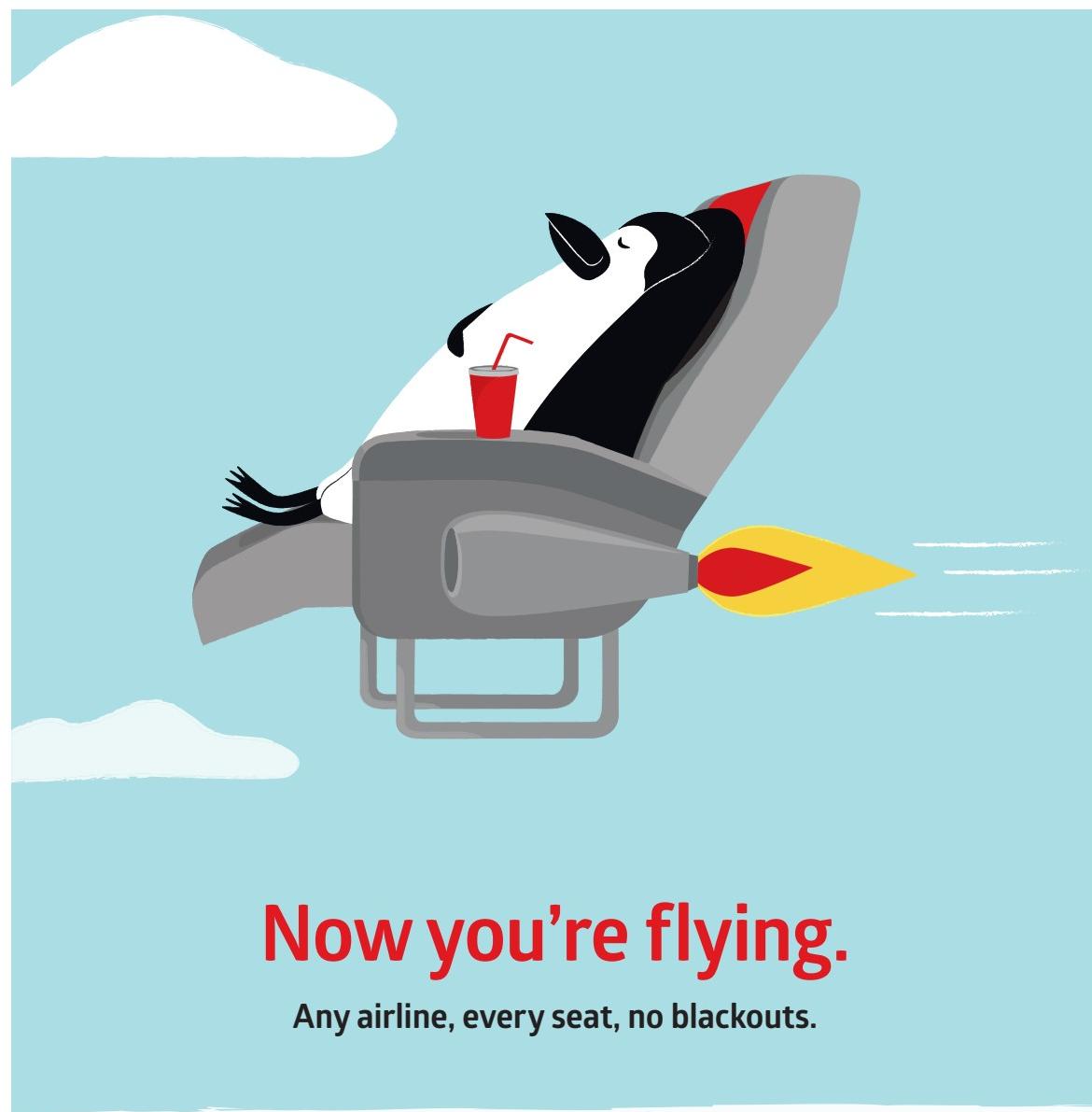
The entire project will no

longer have an enclosed heating system to allow easy winter access — instead it'll only feature in certain spots. No construction will take place during the winter.

A bird's eye view of a rendering of the monument shows several towering, pointed concrete walls forming a star-like shape. At the centre is an open gathering space with a capacity of about 900 to 1,000 people.

Photographs of killing fields and other Holocaust sites in Europe will be embedded onto the large concrete walls in that space.

There is only one photo of the proposed design in the tender documents, which looks to be slightly scaled down from the original proposal.



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IN BRIEF

Electricity to cost more in Ontario next month

Electricity rates are going up again in Ontario starting Nov. 1. The Ontario Energy Board says the peak price for electricity — between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. — will rise by 1.4 cents to 17.5 cents a kilowatt hour. The mid-peak price from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. will rise by 0.6 cents to 12.8 cents a kw/h. And the off-

peak rate from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and all day weekends and holidays jumps 0.3 cents to 8.3 cents a kw/h, less than half the on-peak price.

The energy board says the increases will add about \$4.42 to the electricity line on the average monthly electricity bill for a household that uses about 800 kw/h a month.

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Metro's daily primer on what the parties are saying about the issues that matter to urban Canadians



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau poses for a selfie with a student while touring Mohawk College, in Hamilton, Ont., Wednesday. Youth turnout sat at a dismal 39 per cent last election, which means 61 per cent of young people are now getting exactly what they deserve from politicians: nothing. ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Don't just 'expect' democracy

 **ROSEMARY WESTWOOD**
Metro

Over the course of last week, in a deeply franco-phone suburb of Montreal, 2,017 students on one CEGEP campus cast a vote.

None of those ballots will count on Monday's election. They're part of Student Vote, a non-partisan push to engage young Canadians in politics via mock elections.

But Semra Sevi, the 26-year-old teacher who organized the vote, hopes at least some of the fake ballots will translate into real ones.

Her students, aged 18 to 24, are part of the elusive "youth vote" — the cohort hailed by Rick Mercer as a democratic silver bullet that could "change the country," and sought by groups like votessavvy.ca, youthvote.ca, the Council of Canadians vote pledge, and even Elections Canada, which set up special polls on Canadian campuses to lure more young Canadians.

All these efforts are admirable, and I genuinely hope they work. Youth turnout sat at a dismal 39 per cent last election, which means that 61 per

cent of young people are getting exactly what they deserve from politicians this time around: nothing. Election platforms are offering to people under 45 pennies for every dollar offered to those over 65, according to a Generation Squeeze report.

Why, some ask, would politicians speak to a group that doesn't bother to vote? Why, others ask, would people vote for politicians who ignore them? Some call it apathy; others prefer cynicism.

My view: we're spoiled brats.

You know why young people don't feel the need to value democracy? Because they expect it. For most of us, life in Canada is pretty great. Even for those Canadian children growing

up in poverty, there are still benefits to living in Canada that cannot be found in many places in the world — small freedoms, such as they are: the lack of a brutal dictator, free schools, clean air.

When Semra Sevi was asking her students about voting, before she started the Student Vote campaign, they told her they felt ignored by politicians. "They didn't feel like politi-

cians deserved their vote," she told me.

But the question isn't whether politicians deserve your vote: it's whether democracy deserves your participation.

Anyone who refuses to vote is freeloading. They are abdicating their responsibility, yes, but far more importantly, they are

expecting the rest of us to pick up the slack. That's true even of those seeking political change through activism, who would lobby officials for change, without bothering to help elect them.

I've been racking my brain trying to think up some kind of experience that we could give young people so they could no longer hold onto the excuse of ignorance.

Some kind of equivalent to the dangerous two-hour journey to school taken by a boy and his sister in Kenya, and depicted in the documentary On the Way to School. You know what the kids do when they finally get to class? They shut up and listen to their teacher. They had to work so hard just to get there, that they hungered for an education.

And yet we, steeped as we are in the benefits of a rich democracy, seem already far too well-fed.

If young people do not, a la Mercer, "change the country" this time around, I'll be hard pressed to hold out much hope for the next time.

And what they say about us millennials will in fact be true: we have no idea how good we have it.

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Here's a breakdown of promises and legislative measures from the **NDP**, **Liberals**, **Conservatives** and **Greens**

ON EDUCATION

Conservatives:

- Promise to raise government contribution to education savings plans.
- Lower the minimum course length required to qualify for financial assistance from 60 to 34 weeks.

Liberals:

- Increase Canada Student Grants by 50 per cent.
- Allow students to wait until they're earning \$25,000 a year before having to repay student loans.

ON YOUTH JOBS

Conservatives:

- Increase apprenticeship job creation tax credit.
- Aim to create 1.3 million net new jobs overall by 2020.

Liberals:

- Spend \$300 million a year to create 120,000 jobs.
- Create 5,000 "green" jobs.
- Spend \$40 million a year to support new co-op placements for students.

NDP:

- Eliminate interest on student loans over seven years.
- Spend \$250 million to create 74,000 new grants for students over four years.
- Improve educational outcomes for First Nations.

Greens:

- Cut tuition fees for low-income students and families.
- Forgive all student loans over \$10,000.
- Eliminate interest on new student loans.

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This season, NAC Presents celebrates its fifth anniversary with a broad array of concerts featuring both current and future Canadian icons.

NAC Presents producer Simone Deneau says, over the years, strong relationships were created with many of the performing artists, many of whom eventually return to the NAC to perform in its larger venues.

"After consecutive, successful seasons, word got around to artists and audiences that something special was happening at the NAC," Deneau explains.

"The incredible breadth and quality of Canadian artists keeps growing exponentially, even in just the last five years."

For its upcoming season, NAC Presents welcomes everyone from established crowd favourites like Oliver Jones and Corb Lund to emerging artists like The Weather Station, Peter Katz and Safia Nolin, as well as an impressive francophone musical series featuring Jean Leloup, Philémon Cimon, Marie-Pierre Arthur and more.

For returning artist Michael Kaeshammer, who admits he has a special place in his heart for the NAC.

"There are few places that become more than just a place to play for a performer, a place that you return to and that grows your career in the local market. It's the place you return to without a question because it's more than just a show, from the staff and crew to the audience. The National Arts Centre is that for me in the Ottawa/Gatineau area. It's my home to perform in Ottawa," Kaeshammer says.



Hey Rosetta. SCOTT BLACKBURN

"I'm excited to return to the Theatre with my band for this next show. I look forward to bonding even more with my family in Ottawa."

Tim Baker, front man of Hey Rosetta, another NAC Presents crowd favourite, agrees with Kaeshammer's sentiments, adding he also

MILESTONE

NAC Presents is celebrating a milestone as the 2015-16 season marks the 5th anniversary of the National Arts Centre's Canadian music series, with plenty more years to come.

On January 9, 2016, NAC Presents will be celebrating their 5th season of loving Canadian music with a live event taking place in the NAC lobby, featuring bands, a DJ, some dancing, special drinks, delicious Canadian-inspired food and fun prizes. The celebration is open to everyone and offers the perfect opportunity to discover what the music series is in a casual environment — not your typical night at the NAC.

Tickets will go on sale early November. Stay tuned for details at nac-cna.ca/presents.

remembers his past performances at the NAC fondly.

"The NAC in Ottawa is a dream room on a tour of great rooms," he admits.

"When we were there in the winter with Stars, it was the first time we played there. The energy was amazing! Ottawa has always been one of our favourite cities and we can't wait to come back and bring our headline show."

For its 2015-16 season, NAC Presents also welcomes back Alex Cuba, Royal Wood, Rose Cousins, Madison Violet, Kalle Mattson, Daniel Romano, Patricia O'Callaghan, Jayme Stone, Laila Biali, Lindi Ortega and The Wooden Sky, to name just a few.

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French singer-songwriter Jean Leloup will perform on the NAC Southam Stage on Feb. 12, 2016. YVES ARCHAMBAULT

Music series features diverse lineup of francophone artists

The fifth anniversary of the National Arts Centre's Canadian music series, NAC Presents, includes a diverse lineup of francophone artists, sure to impress both fans and newcomers alike.

The series' main star this season is Jean Leloup, who returns to the National Arts Centre on Feb. 12, 2016 for a performance of his solo show, *Le fantôme de Paradis City*, on the Southam Hall stage. Leloup's latest album, *À Paradis City*, was longlisted for this year's Polaris Music Prize, which is awarded annually to the best Canadian album.

Making her first appearance at the NAC is Québec folk-rocker Marie-Pierre Arthur, who will perform on the Studio stage on March 17, 2016. Her new record, *Si l'aurore*, which was released earlier this year, marks a new phase in

her development as an artist, presenting a new and unique sound.

Along with a variety of established artists, a number of emerging francophone musicians will be featured this season, including Samito, a Montreal-based singer-songwriter whose music blends acoustic music and electronica to create a distinct sound partly inspired by his upbringing in Maputo, Mozambique. He'll be performing on the NAC Fourth Stage on Nov. 26.

There is also folk artist Safia Nolin on November 28. Her first original composition, 'Igloo' won the SOCAN Best Song award at the 44th annual Festival international de la chanson de Granby.

Xavier Forget, the producer of NAC Presents' french series says, when it comes to program-

ming a season, he looks for originality.

"To me, if I were a painter, each of these artists would be a different colour and I try to get as many of them as possible," he explains. "None of them overshadow the other, they all kind of coexist. This season is one big picture of what Canada is."

Forget hopes, above all, that audiences will trust his choices.

"We always put on great shows, you don't have to worry about the quality of the sound or the quality of the performance. Just take a leap of faith and get ready to discover great talent."

Whether you are a francophone music lover or just curious about the French concert offering at NAC Presents, you'll find a wide variety of music genres and French artists to discover at nac-cna.ca/presents.

A jazz approach to your favourites

Rediscover the songs you love — with a jazz twist — at the National Arts Centre this season.

The NAC Presents series has tasked Petr Cancura, programming manager for the TD Ottawa Jazz Festival, to take a jazz-based approach to the songs of three well-known, local musicians — Ian Tamblyn, Lynn Miles and Jeremy Fisher.

Cancura himself is an accomplished musician who has been crafting his own personal style over the years — he's a JUNO nominated, Independent Music Awards winning jazz-trained saxophonist who is also a bluegrass mandolin player. He admits he's excited to jump into this latest musical venture.

"It just seemed really naturally to get a really high end jazz group that is open minded and really good and then reach out to some of my favourite Ottawa singer-songwriters and see if we can make a collaboration," he says.

When it came time to select the artists he

TICKET INFO

Petr Cancura with guest Ian Tamblyn — Nov. 20, 2015, 7:30 p.m. | NAC Fourth Stage

Petr Cancura with guest Lynn Miles — Feb. 4, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | NAC Fourth Stage

Petr Cancura with guest Jeremy Fisher — April 7, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | NAC Fourth Stage

Tickets for individual shows are \$35 or \$95 for all three. For ticket info, visit nac-cna.ca or visit the NAC Box Office at 53 Elgin St., open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

wanted to work with, Cancura says that was an easy decision.

"I love what Lynn Miles does, she's incredible," he explains. "She's like Ottawa's Emmylou Harris — she's got an incredibly beautiful voice and has this depth of character that just shines in her music so that was a really easy choice. Ian as well. He is such an accomplished songwriter and he's also a real legend around here. It's a real honour to work with both of them."

As for Jeremy Fisher, Cancura says he has "this youth and fire and is also really smart and sophisticated" and believes all three artists share an openness to work on something that's outside their comfort zone.

"I think it will be really incredible and I appreciate their trust in being open to collaborate like this," Cancura says.

There are a number of things Cancura hopes this series achieves — namely that he wants to



Petr Cancura crafted a jazz series with a twist for the NAC Present 15-16 season. ELIZABETH HANSON

break down the barriers between jazz and folk.

"I hope to start longer lasting relationships and open up those two worlds," he says, "and I also want to do that with the audience — sharing the depth of each of those cultures and musics with the other audiences. I truly love both those worlds."

"I love this series. I feel totally at home."

Royal Wood returns as NAC favourite

It's been an incredible career for Canadian singer-songwriter Royal Wood thus far.

The Peterborough native has been nominated for two JUNO Awards and has toured both North America and Europe.

When he first performed at the National Arts Centre in 2010, Wood wasn't sure where his relationship with the theatre, or the Ottawa area, would take him, but he quickly became an NAC Presents favourite and his fan base in the National Capital Region continues to grow to this day. After his initial appearance, Wood was invited back to the NAC to perform at a bigger venue, the Theatre, where he wowed audiences twice, both times in front of a full house. Those performances, Wood admits, have had a significant impact on his career.

"Playing to a full house at the National Arts Centre was so special, so energizing. It was an honour," he says.

"I'm now performing around the world, in part because of the respect there is internationally for the NAC. If you've headlined there, you can stand tall."

Wood says, each time he visited the NAC for his live performances, he always stopped by the majestic Southam Hall, hoping he would be return to perform on the historic stage.

When NAC Presents producer Simone Deneau offered Wood a date in his dream venue, he was honoured to have this unique opportunity.

"Every artist will one day look back at his



Singer-songwriter Royal Wood. JEN SQUIRES

history and remember the journey one way or another," says Wood.

Over the past four seasons, Wood has enjoyed a close relationship with the National Arts Centre and its NAC Presents music series and now he hopes to pay it forward through a new discovery series featuring five artists he believes should be in the Canadian music scene's spotlight.

"The National Arts Centre has helped nurture and support me throughout my career, allowing me to rise to where I am today," Wood explains.

"I'm truly honoured to be helping shine the NAC spotlight on these five great Canadian artists in a way that will undoubtedly change their career, as it did mine."

TICKET INFO

Royal Wood performs on the NAC Southam Hall stage with special guest Rose Cousins and the NAC Orchestra on May 6, 2016 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$35.

The Royal Wood Spotlights are spread out throughout the 2015-16 season and all will take place on the NAC Fourth Stage.

The Bros. Landreth
December 3, 2015 | 7:30 p.m.

Peter Katz
January 29, 2016 | 7:30 p.m.

Laila Biali
February 27, 2016 | 7:30 p.m.

The Weather Station
March 31, 2016 | 7:30 p.m.

Oh Susanna
April 8, 2016 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$25 per show or \$105 for all five. Visit the NAC Box Office in person at 53 Elgin Street, order your tickets online at nac-nca.ca or call 1-888-991-2787.

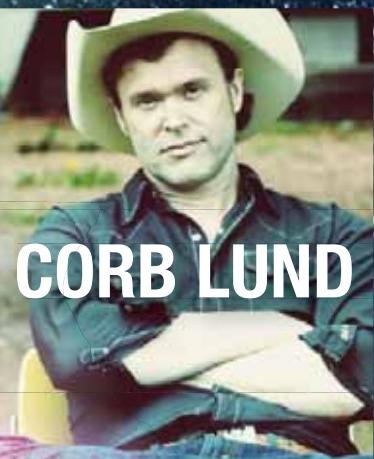
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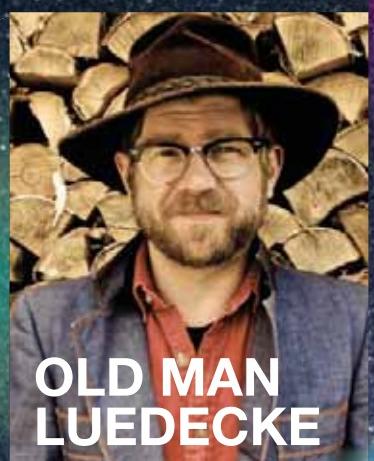
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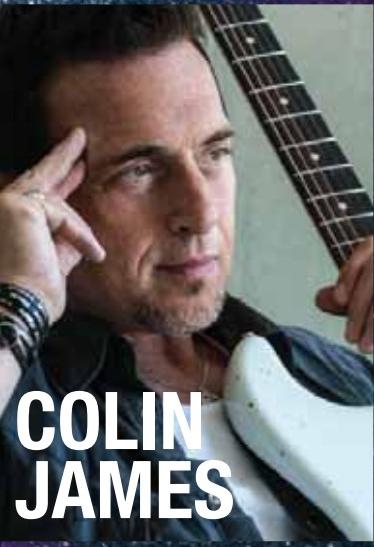
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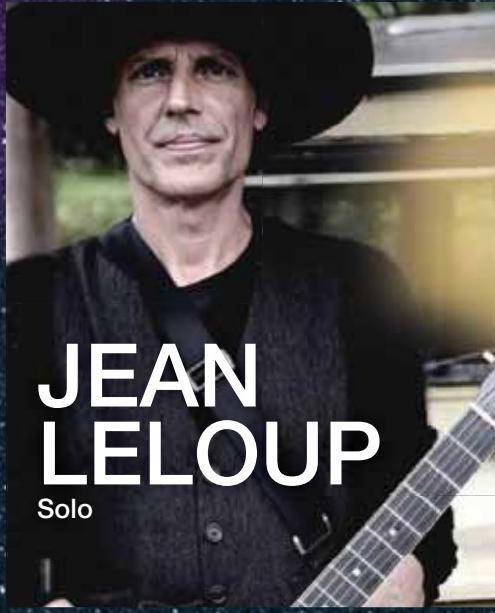
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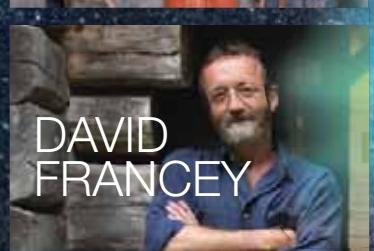
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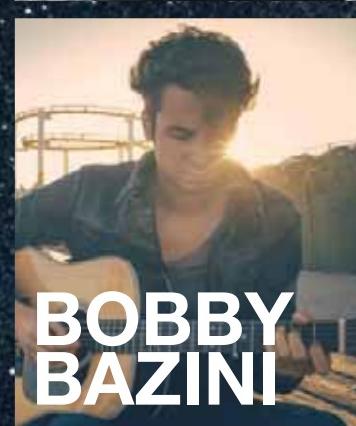
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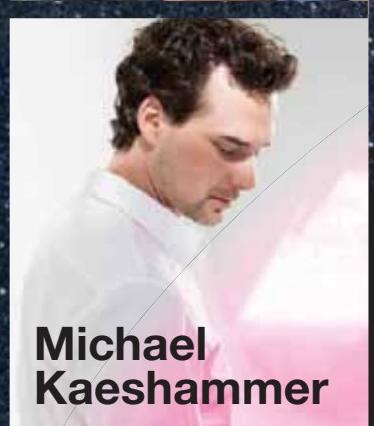
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The Conservatives and NDP attacked apparent front-runner Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, with remarks about the sponsorship scandal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leaders aim for Trudeau

ELECTION 2015

Grits fire back with criticism of Tories' Ford support

The Dan Gagnier drag chute billowed out behind the Liberal campaign Thursday, giving Stephen Harper and Tom Mulcair a badly needed chance to catch up to the apparent front-runner, Justin Trudeau.

Trudeau, however, gave as good as he got — at least as far as the Conservative leader was concerned — by amping up the outrage over Rob and Doug Ford's recent appearance on the Tory trail.

Gagnier, the party's campaign co-chairman, abruptly quit his volunteer post Wednesday after The Canadian Press disclosed details of an email in which he provides lobbying advice to an oil pipeline company.

That gave Harper and Mulcair the perfect opportunity to take a swing at a long-standing Achilles heel for the Liberals: the sponsorship scandal.

"They can try to put a

fresh face on it, but behind the scenes it's still the same old gang pulling the same old tricks," said the NDP's Mulcair, who could barely contain his glee.

"You can't trust the Liberals. It's the same old Liberal party."

Trudeau, Mulcair noted, has been campaigning alongside former Liberal stalwarts Jean Chretien and Paul Martin, who presided over the party during the sponsorship scandal, in which firms won contracts based on donations to the Liberals with little work being done. Some of the cash was kicked back to Liberal operatives.

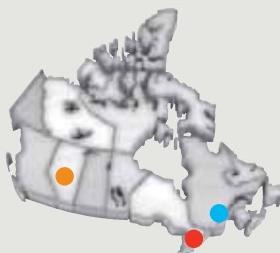
Harper, who was in Opposition at the height of the controversy, also seized on the chance to break out some of his greatest hits.

"I think we should all understand that the culture of the Liberal party that gave us the sponsorship scandal has not changed and it will not change."

For his part, Trudeau said Gagnier's departure demonstrates that the Liberals "take ethical standards and responsibilities extremely seriously."

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WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY



• **Stephen Harper** will be in Quebec City.

• **Justin Trudeau** will be in Ontario in Mississauga, Brampton, Richmond Hill and Markham.

• **Tom Mulcair** will be in Lac-Mégantic, Que., and in Edmonton.

• **Elizabeth May's** itinerary was unavailable.

CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Harper stays mum on majority

Stephen Harper moved on to more optimistic turf for his party Thursday, starting a swing through Quebec after several days of sweating it out on the high-stakes electoral battlefield of Ontario.

But he's not quite optimistic enough to go where his Liberal rival did earlier this week when Justin Trudeau uttered the word "majority."

In response to a reporter's question, Trudeau said he is

asking voters to give his Liberal party a majority. Harper, who was burned in 2004 for making similar late-campaign remarks, made it clear Thursday he's not following suit. Campaigning in Quebec, Harper was asked why he wasn't making the same request as Trudeau.

"We never take voters for granted in my party. That's not our approach," Harper said. "This is a tight race. We're here to encourage choice."

The choice, as the Conservative campaign puts it, is between a Liberal government that Harper says would drain money from Canadian wallets, and a Conservative government that would help keep it there. It's a point Harper has been illustrating all week by bringing a family or business owner up on stage to have them literally count out cash onto a waiting table, all to the incessant cha-ching of an old-timey cash register. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MANITOBA

'Misunderstanding' led to Canadian flag being removed from poll

A Canadian flag was removed from a Manitoba advance polling station on the weekend because a worker felt it violated election rules.

Elections Canada said a worker in Virden, near the Saskatchewan boundary, thought the red in the flag could be interpreted as support for the Liberal party.

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WOMEN'S HEALTH

STI rates spike, pap tests plunge: Study

Young women in Ontario are being screened for sexually transmitted infections far less often since updated guidelines reduced the frequency of Pap tests for cervical cancer, a study suggests.

Researchers at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto found the guidelines, which were rewritten in 2012, reduced Pap smear rates by 60 per cent in the year after their introduction - and that led to a 50 per cent drop in gonorrhoea and chlamydia testing among women aged 15 to 24. Patients were also less likely to be screened for syphilis, hepatitis C and HIV.

Prior to 2012, women were advised to start cervical cancer screening within three years of becoming sexually active, followed by annual testing. After three normal Pap test results, subsequent screening was rec-

72%

In the last decade, chlamydia rates have jumped 72 percent, while gonorrhoea rates have gone up by more than 50 percent among young women.

ommended every two or three years until age 70.

The updated guidelines by Cancer Care Ontario recommend starting Pap tests at age 21 for women who have been sexually active, with three-year screening intervals if test results are normal.

The advice differs slightly from guidelines by the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care, which recommends that routine Pap tests for women start at age 25 and continue every three years until age 70, when they can cease if a woman has had three successive negative tests in the previous 10 years.

"Historically, we know that Pap tests and STI screening are linked because they're often performed at the same time," said lead author Dr. Tali Bogler, a family physician at St. Mike's.

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VIRAL VIDEO

Jays get a little help from Mini Bautista

An exhausted miniature Jose Bautista took the day off Thursday to recover after a long Blue Jays game where his special voodoo - captured on video - propelled him to international stardom.

Nine-year-old Oscar Wood - affectionately known by Jays fans, and now even his own father, as Mini Bautista - was filmed swinging a phantom bat while donning his painted Bautista-esque beard at the precise moment the real Blue Jay launched a game-changing homer.

By the time Oscar woke up Thursday morning, the video at bit.ly/MiniBautista had gone viral online.

"I've got Mini Bautista next to me, he's all swung

out and his arm is tired from high-fiving people," said Oscar's father, Benn Wood, who skipped work to stay home with his son.

Oscar has a long connection with his idol, known to fans as Joey Bats. It began innocently enough when his father was getting ready to take the family of five to a Jays game three seasons ago.

Wood had grown out a beard and was wearing his Jays hat and sunglasses.

"Oh Daddy," he recalled his daughter, Bella, saying at the time, "you look like Jose Bautista and Oscar should have a beard too, and so should Jasper and you guys should go as the Bautista brothers."

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Ken Taylor THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian hero Ken Taylor dies at 81

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ambassador played key role in 1979 Iran Hostage Crisis

Ken Taylor, Canada's ambassador to Iran who sheltered Americans at his residence during the 1979 Iran hostage crisis has died. He was 81.

Taylor's wife, Pat, said Ken died Thursday after a two-month battle with colon cancer.

Taylor kept the Americans hidden at his residence and at

the home of his deputy, John Sheardown, in Tehran for three months. Taylor facilitated their escape by arranging plane tickets and persuading the Ottawa government to issue fake passports.

Born in 1934 in Calgary, Taylor was heralded as hero for helping save the Americans - a clandestine operation that had the full support of then Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark's government. In a posting on Twitter, Clark called Taylor a Canadian hero and a valued friend.

Some of Taylor's exploits in Iran in 1979 later became the

subject of the 2012 Hollywood film, Argo. Taylor and others felt the film underplayed the role he and Canada played.

Taylor's wife said his legacy is his generosity.

"He did all sorts of things for everyone without any expectation of something coming back," she told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"It's why that incident in Iran happened," she said. "There was no second thought about it. He just went ahead and did it. His legacy is that giving is what is important, not receiving. With all his friends that's what he did." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEGACY

Tributes pour in for Taylor

"Ambassador Taylor earned the enduring gratitude of the United States — and was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal — for his valour and ingenuity in harbouring six American citizens trapped in Iran in the aftermath of the seizure of the American Embassy in Tehran ... and, ultimately, in securing their safe return," a statement from U.S. Ambassador Bruce Heyman said.

ELECTION 2015

Downtowns snubbed by Conservatives



Conservative candidates completely ignored questions on the importance of downtowns in Canada, according to a new survey.

Downtowns Canada, an affiliate of the International Downtowns Association, set out last month to collect views from all political parties' candidates in 16 cities.

The survey was developed in

consultation with local BIAs, and sought candidates' insights on how their party intends to address four key national issues: infrastructure/investment; social justice; affordable and social housing - with mental health and addictions support - as well as economic development.

No one candidate from the Conservative party either responded to the survey or participated in the town hall discussions held as part of the study, according to the report slated to come out before the

hoods, but that didn't happen," said Stefano Grande, chair of Downtowns Canada committee.

The group undertook the study in an effort to bring that discussion to a national level, by getting federal candidates involved in designing sustainable concepts from a grassroots level, he said.

Whether Conservatives' lack of participation in the study affects any future plans for the country's downtowns is up to individual voters to decide, Grande said.

Public dissection of lion sparks outrage

DENMARK

Zoo accused of having a lack of compassion

A Danish zoo publicly dissected a year-old male lion Thursday, pulling out its blood-red organs to show a few hundred people — including children — an event met outside of Denmark with criticism and online protests.

Adult spectators brought scarfs to their noses to ward off the pungent smell as they watched the dissection, considered by many in this Scandinavian country of 5.6 million to be an educational program. The event was deliberately scheduled to take place during the annual fall school holidays.

A Brussels-based animal protection group, however, sharply criticized Odense Zoo for killing three healthy young lions this year.

One of central Denmark's

most popular tourist attractions, the Odense zoo has done public dissections for 20 years. On Thursday, scores of children stood around a table where the zoo had displayed a stuffed lion cub next to the lion being dissected.

Odense Zoo employee Lotte Tranberg said the male lion and its two siblings were killed in February because they were getting sexually mature and could have started mating with each other and the zoo wanted to avoid inbreeding. They also could have killed each other because they would have been kept in the same enclosure, she said.

On Facebook, a few dozen people on Thursday accused the zoo and Denmark of having a lack of compassion. But on the zoo's Facebook page, ordinary Danes defended the dissection, asking English-speaking commentators whether they ever had been to a slaughterhouse.

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Children react to the dissection of a dead male lion in Odense Zoo, Denmark, Thursday.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Pistorius gets house arrest

Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympic runner who shot his girlfriend to death on Valentine's Day in 2013, can leave prison and move to house arrest next week, South Africa's Department of Corrections said Thursday.

A parole board at the prison where Pistorius has served nearly a year of his five-year sentence for culpable homicide — comparable to manslaughter — made the decision. It came after an initial ruling to release the athlete in August was cancelled at the last minute after intervention by the justice minister.

This time, the board "approved the placement of offender Oscar Pistorius under cor-

rectional supervision as from 20 October 2015," the corrections department said in a statement following the meeting of the parole board earlier Thursday.

Pistorius was acquitted of murder last year for the shooting death of Reeva Steenkamp, but prosecutors have appealed that trial verdict and will seek a murder conviction again at South Africa's Supreme Court on Nov. 3.

The appeal will come just two weeks after Pistorius is freed next Tuesday. If Pistorius is convicted of murder by a panel of five judges at the appeal, he faces going back to prison for 15 years, the minimum sentence for murder in South Af-

rica, which no longer has the death penalty.

The Steenkamp family lawyer didn't immediately respond to requests for comment. Steenkamp's father, Barry Steenkamp, told The Associated Press last week that he wanted the delays and uncertainty around Pistorius' release to end.

"I'm sure a lot of people have had enough of the whole scenario. That's all I can say. Let justice take its course," he said.

Pistorius has maintained he thought Steenkamp was an intruder in his Pretoria home and killed her by mistake. Prosecutors said he shot her intentionally during an argument after she had fled to a bathroom stall.

The 28-year-old Pistorius is expected to serve his house arrest at his uncle's mansion in an upmarket suburb of Pretoria.

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Oscar Pistorius starts in the men's 400-metre semifinal in the Olympic Stadium at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

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WORLD MONUMENTS FUND

Cultural heritage sites threatened

A labour camp in Albania, a burial site in Chile and a Spanish mission in New Mexico are among a list of cultural heritage sites threatened by neglect, overdevelopment or social, political and economic change, a preservation group announced Thursday.

The World Monuments Fund's biennial list cited 50 sites from ancient times to modern times in 36 countries.

The New York-based preservation group began issuing its World Monuments Watch list in 1996 to call attention to important landmarks threatened around the world in an effort to promote awareness and action.

The organization listed the notorious Spac Prison in Alban-

ia for its advanced state of deterioration — a site the group said deserved to be saved as a modern place of remembrance.

The General Cemetery of Santiago, a burial site of presidents and other luminaries, was singled out because of the deterioration it has suffered from numerous earthquakes and consequent neglect.

In citing the 1629 San Estevan Del Rey Mission, the organization said restoration of the national historic landmark in Acoma, New Mexico, was long overdue and in dire need of investment.

The list is assembled by a panel of experts in archaeology, architecture, art history and preservation.

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IN BRIEF

Lockerbie bombing suspects sought

Scottish prosecutors say they have identified two Libyans as suspects in the 1988 bombing of a passenger jet over the town of

Lockerbie, and want to interview them in Tripoli.

The unnamed Libyans are suspected of involvement with Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, the only person convicted in the attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Valeant facing scrutiny in U.S.

PHARMACEUTICALS

Subpoenas follow price hikes for two heart drugs

Valeant Pharmaceuticals stock plunged again Thursday after the company said U.S. federal prosecutors in Massachusetts and New York are seeking information on its drug pricing, distribution and patient assistance program.

The Quebec-based company, the largest drug company in the country, said most of the materials requested by the subpoenas from the U.S. Attorney's offices in the two states relate to the company's patient assistance programs, including financial support provided for patients and pricing decisions.

The U.S. Congress became interested in Valeant following its purchase of the heart

drugs Nitropress and Isuprel and subsequent price increases, which ranged from a doubling to a more than tripling in price for the drugs. The drugs are administered in hospitals as part of a larger treatment protocol.

Responding to a letter from Sen. Claire McCaskill, Valeant chairman and CEO Michael Pearson said the higher list price for its two drugs won't affect patients and will have a "limited impact" on hospital costs because reimbursements for procedures including these drugs from the patient's in-

surance provider or a federal health program won't change.

"Because these drugs are hospital-administered and generally are not purchased directly, increasing the cost of the drugs to hospitals should not reduce patient access," he said.

Valeant said heavy discounts and price caps reduce the impact of high gross prices. For example, it earned just \$317,588 US in net revenues from the sale of Isuprel to the Department of Veterans Affairs as of Sept. 30 even though gross sales were \$10.9 million US.

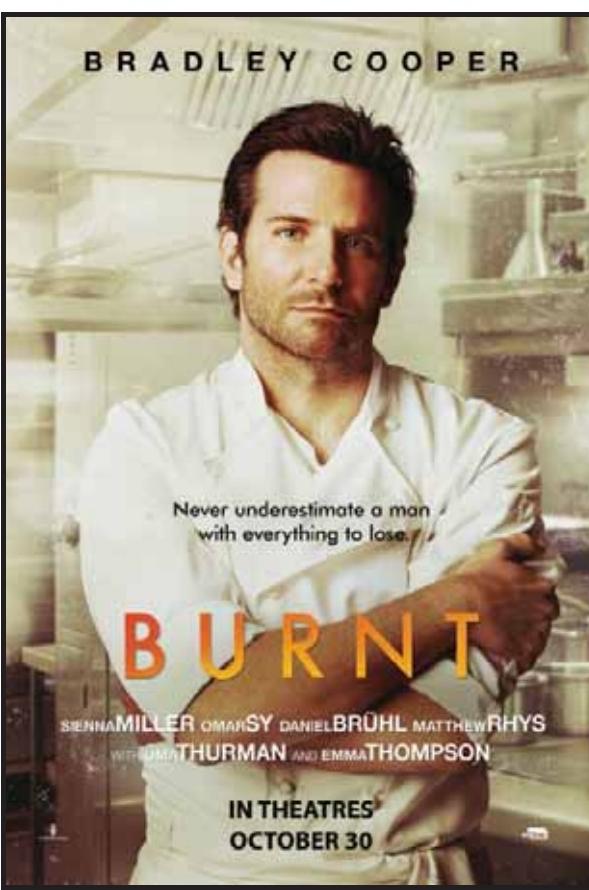
Over the past year, average net price of its products increased 13 per cent compared to volume increases of 20 per cent.

Furthermore, Pearson said the price hikes have stimulated other companies to work on lower-priced alternatives that could be approved by regulators in the next 12 to 24 months.

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\$4.9 billion

Valeant Pharmaceuticals said its overall **\$4.9 billion** US in revenues in the first half of the year included only **\$126 million** US from Nitropress and **\$121 million** US from Isuprel.



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In Ontario, where Epstein Management is located, unpaid internships are legal only

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Unpaid positions

Ads on the Toronto section of the Kijiji classifieds include one man seeking marketing interns for a three-month commitment of more than 15 hours a week, while another ad seeks an unpaid employee at the Eurofab fabric store in downtown Toronto who will be required to clean and tidy the store as well as serve customers.

under certain criteria.

Epstein Management is far from the only company looking for unpaid interns despite

Ontario's ongoing crackdown on the practice. More than a dozen ads on Kijiji seek volunteer labour.

The youth unemployment rate sits at 13.1 per cent — almost double the national average — as about 170,000 fewer young people are in the workforce than before the recession. Critics suggest that makes young Canadians vulnerable to exploitation from those seeking free labour.

Labour lawyer Andrew Langille said there's nothing wrong with internships that provide education and skills to young people without pay, but that the current lack of protections leaves the system ripe for exploitation.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Home sales slow down

The Canadian Real Estate Association said Thursday the number of home sales in September were down 2.1 per cent compared with August but prices continued to show strength. Sales in Vancouver were down 3.8 per cent, Toronto 3.5 per cent and Calgary 7.5 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Innu lawsuit to go ahead

The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to end a class-action lawsuit filed by two Innu communities seeking \$900 million from the Iron Ore Co. of Canada and the Quebec North Shore and Labrador Railway Co. for allegedly violating their rights for nearly 60 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CAM TUCKER



DEFENDS BAUTISTA'S BAT FLIP

The home run wasn't just an ordinary home run. It was the biggest moment in Blue Jays history since Joe Carter. The celebration that followed was of sheer passion.

It was the bat flip to end all bat flips. Epic. Defiant. Oh, and of course it was controversial.

Jose Bautista, after launching the most important home run for the Toronto Blue Jays in more than 20 years and the most important of his career, stood at home plate and in a swift, strong motion, tossed the bat he used to drive his team to the American League Championship Series into the air before the customary trot around the bases at Rogers Centre.

It is now an iconic moment. Social media made sure of that.

It's been 22 years since Joe Carter won the World Series for the Blue Jays on a home run to left field at what was then the Sky Dome, the shots of him leaping into the air with that uninhibited smile as he rounded his way into history still ingrained in the minds of Canadians. Pure joy. No bat flip, though.

Naturally, what Bautista did Wednesday was going to draw critics.

Heck, the benches cleared when the triumphant hero reached home plate. It's garnered discussion throughout North America, on social media and sports talk radio, and has been written about on ESPN and Deadspin.

Among the notables to oppose Bautista's action is Texas pitcher Sam Dyson, who threw right into Bautista's wheelhouse and promptly watched the ball sail into the delirious frenzy of blue and white be-



FLIPPING CONTROVERSIAL Jose Bautista's extravagant bat toss was fitting because he led the Jays to an epic comeback Wednesday, writes Cam Tucker. DARREN CALABRESE / THE CANADIAN PRESS

yond the left-field fence.

Of Bautista's bat flip, Dyson told reporters in Toronto: "Just kind of respect the game a little more."

And, "He's doing stuff that kids do in Wiffle ball games and backyard baseball."

Look, perhaps it would be justifiable to take issue with Bautista's bat flip if he busted that out in the middle of May against a team like the Oakland Athletics in the seventh inning of a blowout game. Forget disrespectful. Then, it would just look silly.

But this was Game 5 of the American League Division Series, winner take all. The Blue Jays trailed the series 2-0, looking dead and done, only to come roaring back to life, resurrecting fans who may have thought it was all over when the team departed for Texas for Games 3 and 4.

The three-run Bautista dinger broke open a 3-3 deadlock in the deciding game, providing

the climax to the emotional — understatement — and now famous seventh inning.

It involved one of the strangest plays, when Toronto's Canadian catcher Russell Martin went to throw the ball back to the pitcher, hitting the bat of Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo — a live ball — leading to the go-ahead run for Texas. A lengthy umpires' review solidified the run, angering the Toronto crowd.

With the lead and nine outs away from advancing, the Rangers then committed three errors in the bottom half of the inning, leading to the Toronto comeback and Bautista's dinger. The benches cleared — twice. This wasn't ordinary. This was playoff baseball, if you'll pardon the expression, on steroids.

And the Bautista home run wasn't just an ordinary home run. He's hit plenty of those in his career with the Blue Jays.

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in Blue Jays history since Joe Carter.

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Sure, there are boundaries to celebrations. But how is Bautista tossing the bat any different from the New England Patriots' Rob Gronkowski spiking the football like he's trying to bury it?

If we demand our professional athletes remain stoic and subdued in their greatest moments, the fun and emotion, which is what October baseball is all about, is removed from the experience.

Robots don't play the game. Humans do. And humans tend to celebrate great accomplishments.

And that's why people shouldn't flip out over Bautista's bat flip.

Cam Tucker is a Vancouver-based sports reporter for Metro. He tweets at @CamTucker_Metro.

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Government approach to science reads — sadly — like satire



John Dupuis
For Metro

It's been a great month for Canadian science. Queen's University physicist Arthur McDonald won the Nobel Prize for, as the citation reads, "the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass." Curiosity-driven science done at the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory; pure science done in Canada by a Canadian.

Of course, pro forma congratulations were issued by the prime minister's office.

But sometimes satire can reflect reality better than anything true. Consider the recent Beaverton headline, "Harper left wondering who let Nobel Prize winner Arthur McDonald talk to the media." It's not literally true. McDonald did his fair share of interviews talking about his work and stressing the importance of the government balancing basic and applied research. He didn't explicitly mention our government, but we all knew what he meant.

The Nobel Committee has a history of making subtle political points with their choices. It's not hard to imagine they saw this election as an opportunity to make a point about basic science while acknowledging a deserving Canadian.

Back in 2013 Canada's National Research Council abandoned its balance of pure and applied research for a nearly exclusive focus on industry-driven work. As the new director at the time said,

"Scientific discovery is not valuable unless it has commercial value." That's not how you discover neutrinos, or the principles of integrated circuits that underlie our entire technological society.

Another headline too good to be true, this from the Syrup Trap: "Government of Canada pledges \$30 million to ignoring science." Again, we hear a deeper truth. From muzzling scientists, to dismantling the research libraries at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, to cancelling the long form census, to firing thousands of scientists and shuttering dozens of research programs, this government has been dead-set against the principles of open inquiry in science and society.

And then there's "Tory candidate Sabrina Zuniga says ground will absorb oil spills." Oh, sorry, that's not satire. A Conservative candidate actually said that. It's hard to believe someone could be both so ignorant and contemptuous of public well-being.

Is this the kind of country you want? Before you make your choice at the ballot box, research your preferred candidate's views on science and open inquiry. And after the election, contact your new (or re-elected) MP to say you support evidence-based decision-making in public policy.

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The great films that got away

GUILLERMO DEL TORO

Crimson Peak
director has
turned down
big projects

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Few modern directors raise the hair on the back of your neck like Guillermo del Toro. From the eerie Pale Man character in *Pan's Labyrinth* to the deadly mechanical scarab of *Cronos*, he has trained viewers to expect the unexpected.

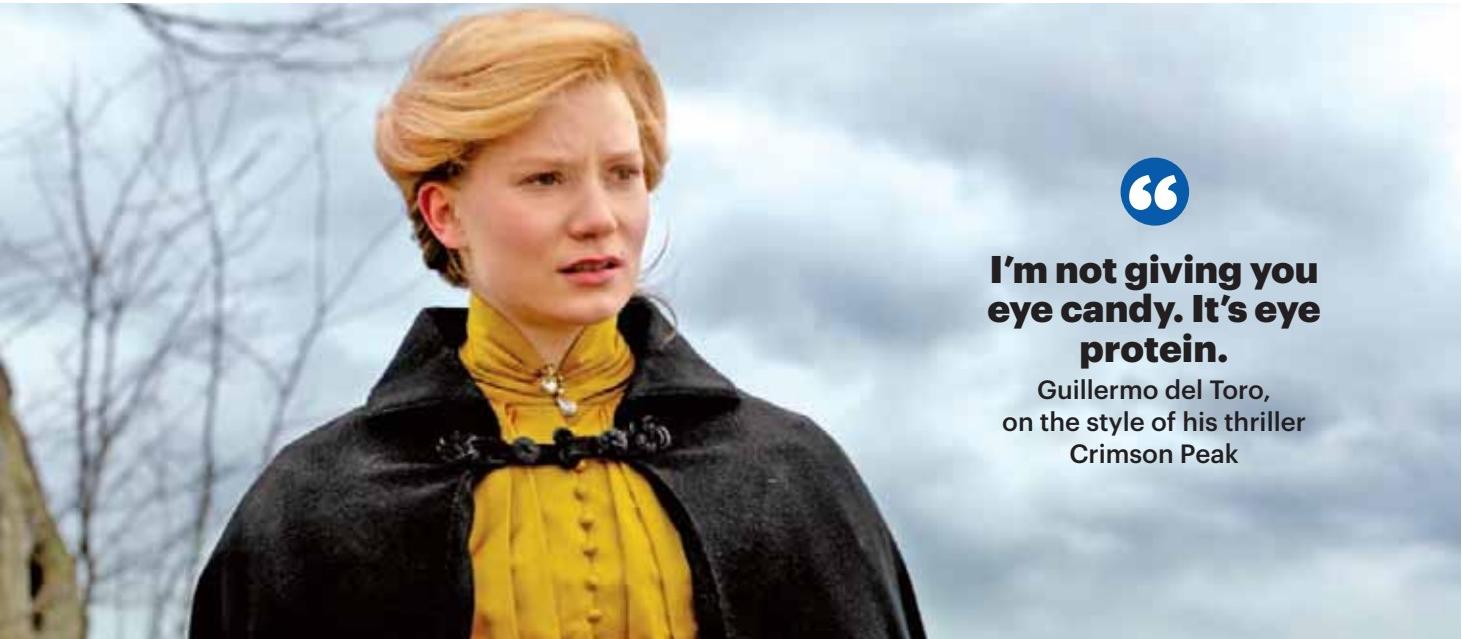
His latest, *Crimson Peak*, is a spooky thriller starring Jessica Chastain, Mia Wasikowska and Tom Hiddleston that del Toro describes as an "almost classical gothic romance ghost story," before adding, "it has two or three scenes that are really, really disturbing in a very, very modern way." Also expect a fest for the eyes. "I'm not giving you eye candy," he says. "It's eye protein."

Films like *Pacific Rim*, *The Devil's Backbone* and *Hellboy* have made del Toro a fan favourite but for every film he makes there is Internet buzz about the movies he didn't make.

"I'm famous for the ones I turned down," he told me a few years ago in a candid conversation on my radio show.

Indeed a quick Google search reveals a list of hit films he said no to.

The script for *Se7en* came his way but was judged to be too



Mia Wasikowska stars as Edith Cushing in Guillermo del Toro's *Crimson Peak*, opening this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

cynical for del Toro's tastes. Horror hits *Blade: Trinity* and *AVP: Alien vs. Predator* went to directors David S. Goyer and Paul W.S. Anderson respectively when Guillermo declined because he was too busy getting his version of *Hellboy* to the screen.

I asked him about that period. "To get *Hellboy* made you turned down..." "A lot," he said, finishing my sentence.

More recently he walked away from *The Hobbit*, a decision he called "extremely painful," and took a rain check on *Star Wars: Episode VII The Force Awakens*.

because "basically I have so much

stuff already of my own, and I'm pursuing stuff that I'm generating already."

One project has kept the del Toro fan base purring for years, a proposed version of *Frankenstein*.

"This is the one that I pursue and drop. It's daunting. This is the most important story in the history of narrative. The most important book in my life is *Frankenstein* and the most important movie is James Whale's *Frankenstein*.

"It's like that girl you have been dating for 35 years and you can't say, 'Would you marry me?'

"I read the book and realized nobody has done the book. It is amazing to me that nobody has done the emotions that are in the book. The way I want to treat the one I do is not to be slavish to the book but create the same effect the book has which is the incredible journey of the creature."

I ask if he has any second thoughts about the films he turned down.

"Every movie I have left behind or not done I don't regret at all but there's one that I can't help but wonder (about), *Prisoner of Azkaban*. I really loved

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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the books. I don't love all the movies but at that stage I saw the first two movies and they were a little too happy for me. I thought, 'Do I really want to go on and try to change the entire universe like that?'

The job of directing the third Harry Potter movie eventually went to one of del Toro's friends, Alfonso Cuarón. "When I saw that movie I told Alfonso, 'I love you and I hate you. You made a great movie.' That's the only one that went away that I will always wonder about."

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TV SABOTAGE**Street artists word bomb walls of Homeland set**

Graffiti artists hired to work on the set of Homeland duped the popular series, painting Arabic slogans criticizing the show on walls seen in the background.

In the episode aired in the U.S. Sunday, star Claire Danes can be seen walking by slogans including "Homeland is racist."

Berlin graffiti artist Stone told The Associated Press that he and two friends initially weren't going to take the job, but then decided instead to use it to express their opinions of Homeland.

The caper was pulled off so well that even Homeland producer Alex Gansa gave the artists his grudging respect. "We wish we'd caught these images before they made it to air," he said. "However, as Homeland always strives to be subversive in its own right and a stimulus for conversation, we can't help but admire this act of artistic sabotage." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

We've been hit by election fever. I'm not talking about the 850,000 Canadians who cast their votes on the first day of advance polls — a 90 per cent increase from 2008's federal election. I'm referring to my couch, where for the last couple of weeks my partner Simon and I watched election-themed movies. Three of these films, Wag the Dog, Primary Colors and Bulworth, hit theatres in 1998, while the fourth, The Candidate, came out in '72. They all reflect their time's dissatisfaction with political culture and how the cam-

If you believe the movies, a political campaign is as bad for a person's diet as it is for their moral character

paigning process erodes their values — the '98 trio with dark, sardonic comedy and The Candidate with hardly any humour at all.

There is only one singular common denominator, however, that serves this column: the food. It seems that candidates, at least fictional American ones, eat like crap. The travel and grind of campaigning means buckets of chicken, cold pizza, plates of barbecued ribs and Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

I've never seen Simon more devoted to this column than when he argued that we should eat KFC, for "research." I ate it often growing up, not so much the chicken as plates of their French fries covered in gravy and mixed up with their neon green coleslaw; a combination that I think would be my death row meal. Since I feared it wouldn't live up to my grease-tinted nostalgia — and having just survived a gluttonous Thanksgiving weekend — I refused.

THE MOVIE:
Primary Colors



THE MEAL:
Krispy Kremes



But I caved on his request for the Krispy Kremes. We drove to an outpost on Monday night and picked up half a dozen of the classic glazed variety. While he ate five and I ate one, I wondered if, when the cameras weren't rolling, Harper, Trudeau, Mulcair and May have made doughnut pit-stops during their federal election campaigning.

I hope they didn't, because it seems as though — if you believe the movies — that a

campaign is as bad for a person's diet as it is for their moral character. Not once did we stumble across a film where an election bolsters a person's character, provides nourishment for the values of the great democracies they seek to serve, or paints anyone as being immune to the corrupting pull of power. "This is the price you pay to lead," John Travolta as Jack Stanton as Bill Clinton, says in Primary Colors — the best election

film we watched. "You don't think Lincoln was a whore before he was president? He had to tell his stories and smile his back-country grin. He did that so one day he'd have the opportunity to stand before the nation and appeal to our better nature. That's where the bullshit stops."

On Oct. 19, voters head to the polls and, in true Canadian fashion, we decided to watch American movies about American elections and American politicians — although our federal election has had its fair share of Hollywood-like scandalous moments: The Conservative MP who pulled out of the race after a video surfaced of him peeing into a mug; the Liberal MP who pulled out after old, offensive tweets were dug up; and Alex Johnstone, the NDP candidate — and a school trustee no less — who confessed she'd only just learned what Auschwitz was.

But nothing as salacious as Donald Trump or Ben Carson, whose comments about the Nazis make Johnstone's seem positively enlightened.

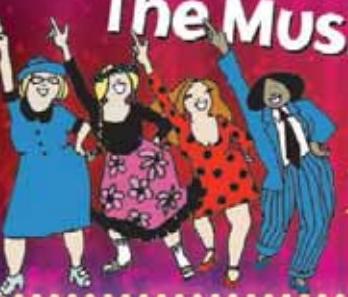
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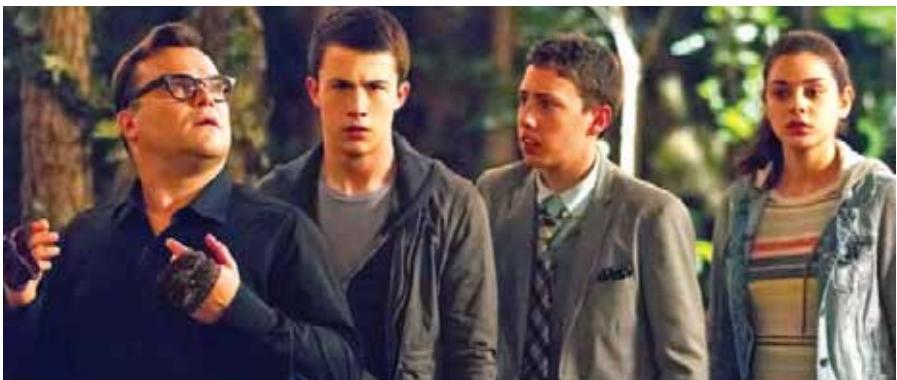
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Jack Black, Dylan Minnette, Ryan Lee and Odeya Rush star in Columbia Pictures' *Goosebumps*. Black plays the creator of the series with a lot of self-regard and bravado. HANDOUT

Stine 'the Kanye West of horror'

INTERVIEW

Jack Black talks playing author in *Goosebumps*



Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Before we begin our interview, Jack Black lets it be known he'll be doing it fully reclining on a long stretch of sofa, staring at the ceiling.

"This is awkward, but it's the way it has to be," he explains.

Black may be a bit exhausted from his work as a fictionalized version of author R.L. Stine in *Goosebumps*, an egomaniacal, reclusive author whose devilish creations come to life and run amok on a small Delaware town.

What do you think about the idea of being a recluse? Ever been tempted?

I am a bit of a recluse. I can relate to that part of Stine's personality.

There's part of that that just comes with the territory.

You get in your Hollywood bubble and you try not to leave because you don't want to have selfies and autographs. So yeah, I get it.

But you've never gone full-on Howard Hughes?

No. I don't have those kinds of demons inside of me. At least not yet. Give me time.

I'll be bottling my piss in a few decades, I'm sure. If I live that long.

You're playing this at a particular level of bigness. How do you decide for each role how big to get?

I don't really think about the size of the dramatic levels.

I mean, yeah, there's giant creatures all over the place and the world is fantastical, so you can get away with a little more bombast and high

drama in your performance, I suppose, but I was really just thinking about this character who is the genius writer who has these dark secrets and dark demons that he keeps hidden from the world.

And for some reason that just said Orson Welles to me.

That seemed like the perfect person to model it after, so I watched Citizen Kane 30 times and then went to the set.

Did you discover anything about Citizen Kane you never noticed before?

That it's a f---ing great movie. That's no newsflash, though. Everybody says it's the best movie ever made.

I discovered that Jack White has covered two songs from the movie.

I can't remember which songs exactly, but Google "Jack White Citizen Kane" and you'll see.

Orson Welles aside, I did feel a lot of Tenacious D in this performance, that particular bravado and self-regard. Right! Yes! I didn't think about that, but there was a narcissism there that was consistent with Tenacious D. He's the Kanye West of horror.

Had you read the books? No, I was just a little too old for them.

You could've been in there. It was early '90s that they were published, right?

But I was already into Hunter S. Thompson by then because I was terrible I must have been a teenager, too. I don't remember when I first read Fear and Loathing, but that was the only one I read.

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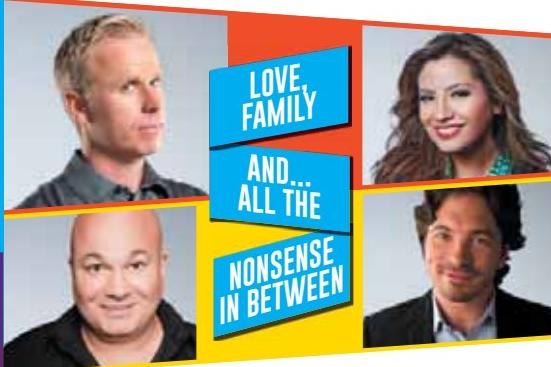
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Politicians come and go, and no matter who wins the top prize on Monday night, they'll likely disappoint us at some point.

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Just ask Shawn Rusich, founder and director of Butter Public Relations, a boutique PR firm focused on food, hospitality, and lifestyle clients.

He's spent the last 15 years working with some of the industry's top professionals, including Martha Stewart, Giada de Laurentiis and Mario Batali, and he's shared his tips for hosting a winning election results party.

Follow Rusich's suggestions for a politically inspired cheeseboard that sets a light mood and encourages cheesy humour:



For the Conservatives

"Like any blue cheese, the Conservative Party has become something of an acquired taste in recent years," says Rusich. If you're not a fan, even a little will leave a bad taste in your mouth. The Cons don't support proportional representation, but it's essential for a democratic cheeseboard, so grab a big chunk of Bleu Bénédiction. "It's arguably Canada's most famous blue cheese," he says, "and it crumbles as easily as the Conservatives' approval rating!"

Pair it with: A late-harvest Riesling or your favourite ice wine.



For the NDP

Once-upon-a-federal-election, Rusich would have suggested a strong, unique "love-or-hate type of cheese" with an orange rind, like OKA Classique. But for Mulcair's NDP, he suggests "a more palatable OKA Light" with 30 per cent less fat.

Pair it with: An unoaked Chardonnay.



For the Greens

"We can all agree that Elizabeth May has helped the Green Party appear less hippy dippy and more multi-platform than ever thought before," says Rusich. "We can also all agree that it's still a grassroots underdog." Farm House Heidi is a Gruyere-like cheese with rich flavour and a pleasantly grassy taste that comes from May's home province, B.C.

Pair it with: A dark and heavy stout, like Mill Street's Oatmeal Stout.

For the Bloc Québécois

"Laliberté is a Canadian Grand Prix of Cheese winner, and a creamy companion to any cheese board," says Rusich. "In fact, it's so good it might be best to separate it from the rest of your election-themed cheeses — to protect its unique and independent identity, of course."

Pair it with: A bubbly, like Henry of Pelham's Cuvée Catharine Rosé Brut.

The longest federal election campaign in Canadian history is finally nearing its close. Celebrate the winners, the losers, the haircuts — and most importantly, the end!

SET THE MOOD

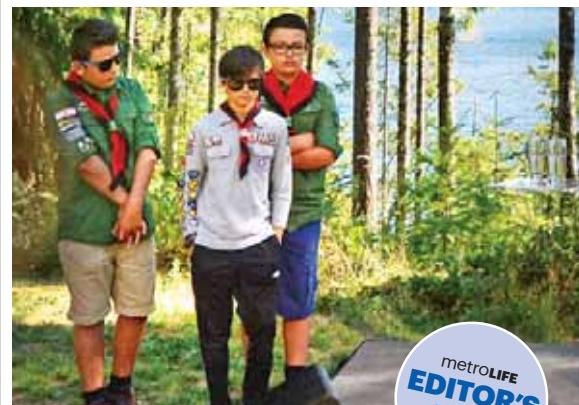
Election night fever

Whether incoming results have you feeling Helpless or make you want to Rant and Roar, Rusich suggests a playlist with the best of Canadiana on repeat. Opt for gentle lighting, "create a relaxing atmosphere," says Rusich, "because nothing gets people more fired up than politics!"

It's fun asking guests to ac-

cessorize with the colours of their preferred party, or to play election prediction games with Oscars-style scorecards says Rusich, but don't push for specifics. "Voting can be very a personal choice for some and they may feel uncomfortable divulging (their) decisions in a room full of people."

DEVON SCOBLE



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EDITOR'S PICK



DRESS UP FOR THE NONPARTISAN Don't want to wear your political colours on your sleeve? Two moments from the 2015 election standout as possible party night themes.

In August, a group of Boy Scouts stole the show at a campaign event for Conservative Leader Stephen Harper in Campbell River, B.C. To get the look, pair green, tan or black shirts or slacks with either a striped or a solid red or orange neck scarf.

For those looking to stay more relaxed, there is always the meme-inspiring bathrobe guy, who was spotted in the background of a heated exchange between the head of a private men's club in Toronto and Liberal candidate Chrystia Freeland, also in August. PHOTOS: CANADIAN PRESS AND JESSICA SMITH



For the undecided

Bummed that your favourite party lost? Sad about our first-past-the-post system? Disappointed in yourself for not casting a ballot at all? Canadian elections leave plenty of room for disappointment, but there is a homegrown (temporary) cure for your electoral woes, and you don't have to wait for the next campaign to try it: whisky. Rusich recommends Tap 357 Maple Whisky to soften the political blows.

Pair it with: Bitter tears.

ELECTION WHERE TO STAY INFORMED

On television

- Catch election coverage on the major TV networks.

Online

- Follow election night coverage at metronews.ca. On Twitter, The @CanadaLand crew will tweet from the Monarch Tavern's Election Night Party in Toronto.

Social media

- Metro will be posting election selfies to our Instagram account, metronewscanada. And don't forget Sluts Against Harper is a saucy account that promises to send nude selfies to anyone who can prove they've voted. Find them on Instagram at @votes4nudes.

DEVON SCOBLE AND METRO

MUSIC BRIEFS

Divorce him and split the bucks: Jay Z in court

Jay Z told a jury Wednesday that he believes he has a valid license to use Arabic music featured on his 1999 hit Big Pimpin' that is now the subject of a copyright infringement trial.

The superstar testified in a federal court, recounting his life, success and the creative process that led him and producer Timbaland to create Big Pimpin'.

Jay Z and Timbaland are being sued by an heir of Baligh Hamdi, an Egyptian composer who created the 1957 hit Khosara Khosara that has elements featured in the rapper's hit.

The rapper used a CD — introduced into evidence by a lawyer for Hamdi's family — to illustrate his point.

"We have the rights as you can see on the bottom of the CD," Carter told jurors, referencing liner notes that credits Khosara Khosara. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Babymetal is just the tip of the idol iceberg

IDOL BANDS

Girls dress as condiments and perform as Hamburgirl Z

Alan Cross

For Metro Canada

"Have you ever been to Japan?" The former Canadian embassy worker and I were talking at a music industry event. "It's as close as you can get to Mars without leaving the planet." He meant no insult; he was just trying to convey how different Westerners find life in cities like Tokyo and Osaka. He paused. "And don't get me started on idol bands."

Ah, the idol. This is a peculiar Japanese construct with no analogue in this part of the world. Think of it as a media personality — often but not exclusively a musical group — who is marketed for their cuteness, youth, sweetness, innocence and/or cool-

ness. Idol groups are like manufactured boy or girl bands but created at an industrial level by talent agencies, promoters and even corporations.

It's not what anyone would call "serious" music, but the idol industry is seriously popular and an extremely profitable part of Japanese music culture.

For example, there's Morning Musume, who have been around forever and hold the record for the most consecutive Top 10 singles for a Japanese artist with 10.

AKB48 is the biggest idol group with at least 140 members (no, that's not a typo) and domestic sales far north of \$200 million.

Then there's Babymetal which features three moppets singing and dancing in front of a fierce death metal band. Once you get over the shock of the cute pop vocals vs. metal guitars juxtaposition, it's impossible to look away.

Even more extreme is Ladybaby (more J-pop than idol, but still) featuring Ladybeard, a metal-singing, cross-dressing ex-professional wrestler from Australia bookended by two adorable schoolgirls. The effect is like

a concussion grenade.

My latest discovery is The West Japan Hamburgirl Z, a 15-member girl group who sing songs and dance dances inspired solely by a love of hamburgers.

When they perform live, each member has a different burger ingredient on her head, ranging from the expected (a beef patty, which is Riinya's thing, making her the front person, I guess) to the very Japanese (eggplant, Awajishima fish). And before you ask, Hamburgirl Z does have a bacon specialist: Tsuumin, who says her favourite word is "Thank you."

As is the custom with idol bands, each member is also given a specific identity to help us tell them apart. Riinya for example, is partial to horse sashimi. Her motto is "If you believe, anyone can be Cinderella."

Trust me: Whatever NASA discovers on Mars the Japanese idol industry will have it beat.

For more from Alan, go to AJournalofMusicalThings.com or follow him on Twitter at @alancross.



Members of Japan's idol group Babymetal, (from left to right) Moameta, Su-Metal and Yuimetal, perform pop lyrics and dance in front of a death metal band. TORU YAMANAKA/GETCHI IMAGES



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Road-tripping up the beach

OUTER BANKS

Fall the perfect time to visit this giant sandbar in the sea

Vawn Himmelsbach
For Metro Canada

There's really no bad time to visit the Outer Banks in North Carolina, but the shoulder seasons offer summer-like temperatures (at least from a Canadian perspective) without all the summer crowds.

One of the best ways to experience this giant sandbar in the Atlantic Ocean is road-tripping "up the beach," stopping along the way to hike, bike, kayak, surf or hang-glide.

The Outer Banks is a chain of barrier islands linked by coastal highway NC12, home to some of the largest tracts of undeveloped beaches in the country. That means no hotels, resorts, restaurants, shops or hawkers lining the beach — just sand and sea.

The four islands, collectively known as OBX, are home to half a dozen national and state parks, with six towns and 12 coastal villages to explore. On the eastern side, you'll find sand dunes and the pounding surf of the Atlantic Ocean — perfect for surfing. On the west side, you'll find the Sounds, with calmer water ideal for sea kayaking and windsurfing.

Getting there
Fly into Raleigh and rent a car



An aerial view of the beach at Ocracoke in North Carolina. The Outer Banks is an ideal fall destination for outdoors activities such as kiteboarding and hang gliding. VISIT N.C.

(make arrangements to drop off the car at the airport in Norfolk, Va., if you don't want to backtrack). It's a two-hour drive from the airport to Little Washington, one of America's coolest small towns and worth a stop for the night; it's another two hours to the Swan Quarter ferry (book a spot in advance), which will drop you off in Ocracoke at the southern tip of the Outer Banks.

Ocracoke
Ocracoke Island offers a 16-mile-long stretch of beach along the Atlantic Ocean — all part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It's perfect for water sports; take surf lessons with Ride the Wind (which also offers paddleboard

yoga). Or head over to the Sounds for sea kayaking (Ride the Wind Kayak Trips offers guided full moon tours). In town, hike or bike out to Springer's Point through centuries-old oak trees dripping with moss, to the beach where the infamous pirate Blackbeard was beheaded in a bloody battle.

The village of Ocracoke has a laid-back, island vibe, and locals are proud of the fact there are no chains here; all the shops and restaurants are locally owned. Explore this quirky town on foot or by bike, and stay in a restored island cottage or cozy B&B (like The Cove, which offers beach chairs and bikes). You can also camp outside of town; the Oc-

racoke Campground is located beside the dunes, across the road from the Hammock Hills Nature Trail.

WELCOME

After this month's historic rains, neighbouring South Carolina is mounting media campaigns to let visitors know tourist destinations are open, as are the roads leading to the coast.

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racoke Campground is located beside the dunes, across the road from the Hammock Hills Nature Trail.

Hatteras
Drive up the beach until you reach the northern tip of the



Rest up at the Inn on Pamlico Sound, a European-style boutique hotel with coastal charm, which offers sweeping views of the Pamlico Sound. Head down to the dock and learn to kiteboard, wakeboard, windsurf or stand-up paddleboard. If you're experienced, you're welcome to bring your own equipment and use on-site storage.

Kitty Hawk and Duck

As you drive up the beach, stop along the way for a swim or explore a nature trail. Once you reach Kitty Hawk, take a hang-gliding lesson — after all, the wind and sand brought Wilbur and Orville Wright here, where they achieved the first successful airplane flight in 1903 (there's a Wright Brothers National Memorial along NC12).

Take a lesson with Kitty Hawk Kites in Jockey's Ridge State Park, where you'll hang-glide down the face of the tallest sand dunes on the East Coast. There's also kite flying, hiking and picnic facilities in this 426-acre park.

Treat yourself to a stay at the Sanderling Resort in Duck, with views of both the Atlantic Ocean and Currituck Sound — which means you can watch the sunrise and sunset over water. With touches like a tranquility pool and evening s'more bonfires, and serving up coastal cuisine in a former life-saving station, it's a great way to wrap up your road trip in style (and rest your aching muscles).

From here, it's a two-hour drive to Norfolk, where you'll leave the crashing waves behind for ... traffic, crowds and concrete.



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ON THE MOVE

Semi-private dining, diverse cultural dishes to be found

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

Travellers in search of great culinary destinations have to look no further than where they lay their head. Hotels across the country are ready to give you not only a great sleep but to tantalize your taste buds.

Intimate dining

Toronto's Westin Harbour Castle is home to celebrity chef Corbin Tomaszeski. The host of popular Food Network shows Dinner Party Wars, Restaurant Makeover and Restaurant Takeover, Chef Corbin has made this waterfront hotel the place to stay for foodies.

Not only has he added his unique flair to the restaurants' wellness-inspired menus, but the chef has also carved out a section of the busy kitchen



Savoury at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto is a 10-person restaurant adjacent to the busy kitchen. CONTRIBUTED

for Savoury, a secluded, one-of-a-kind 10-person restaurant. The semi-private location offers small groups of diners a five-course meal in an intimate and VIP setting. Dinner can be booked with one of the hotel's chefs or booked with Chef

Corbin himself to discuss the preparation methods, cooking techniques, as well as the origins of the dishes. Wine pairings are also available.

Hip hangout

Located in the heart of down-

town Calgary, Hotel Arts is a full-service 185-room designer boutique-style hotel that opened its doors 10 years ago.

The vibe is hip and totally sexy — the kind of place where you walk in and realize you are staying with all the fun good-

looking people.

However, the real gems of the hotel are the trend-setting restaurants, which have seen local superstars like chefs Duncan Ly and Karine Moulin pass through their pantries. Together with current executive chef Jan D-e-l-i-c-i-o-u-s.

Hansen, they have elevated this hotel to a foodie paradise.

My breakfast at the Yellow Door Bistro included Yellow Door Hash made with duck confit, soft poached eggs, roasted peppers, potatoes and Dijon sabayon. A rotation of incredible daily dishes ensures no buffet fatigue; the strawberry mint pancakes were to die for.

Locally influenced

Montreal's Hotel Le Crystal is a five-star all-suite hotel on Rue de la Montagne, two blocks from the Bell Centre and a pleasant walk to shopping on Rue Ste. Catherine.

A quick look at the menu of the hotel's La Coupole restaurant and you notice something different: from sturgeon and deer pancetta to arctic char and red elk. Using only products from local farmers and artisans the dishes reflect the old-fashioned cooking of the families who built Quebec, First Nations' traditional dishes and a dash of the immigrant cultures that shaped the province's culinary heritage. I had the crème brûlée with maple duck foie gras and the pork cheek confit. D-e-l-i-c-i-o-u-s.

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NHL PENGUINS DRAW FIRST BLOOD AGAINST SENATORS Pittsburgh Penguins' Patric Hornqvist, left, looks for a rebound off Ottawa Senators goalie Craig Anderson on a shot by David Perron, bottom right, during the first period in Pittsburgh. The Penguins led 2-0 after the first period. For the outcome of this game and other NHL results go to metronews.ca. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

■ BLUE JAYS WIN THROWS CURVE BALL AT ELECTION

The federal election is dealing with a late curveball hurled by the red-hot Toronto Blue Jays.

Blue Jays fans in the voter-rich 905 and 416 regions — studded with ridings that could help determine who becomes Canada's next prime minister — are certain to tune into the Jays game on Monday night while pos-

sibly tuning out the election.

The first pitch in the third game of the Jays' American League showdown against the Kansas City Royals is scheduled for 8 p.m. ET on Monday, 90 minutes before the polls close to end an election campaign that's been almost as enthralling to Canada's political junkies as the Jays post-season

run has been to their sports fans.

The team's post-season games have earned huge ratings, with overnight numbers for the first three outings against the since-defeated Texas Rangers suggesting an average audience of 2.8 million for the Rogers-owned Sportsnet.

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'Win and we're in': Redblacks' motto

CFL

Bombers stand in way of Ottawa ending long playoff drought

The Ottawa Redblacks have one mindset as they prepare for their game against the Winnipeg Blue Bombers — win and we're in.

An Ottawa CFL team hasn't qualified for the post-season since 1994, when the Rough Riders lost 26-16 to the Blue Bombers in the East semi-final. That could change Friday when the Redblacks (8-6) host Winnipeg (5-10), with a win clinching a playoff spot for Ottawa.

"You're aware of where you are and what your goal is, but you're trying to win every single game anyway," said Redblacks receiver Brad Sinopoli. "All that stuff, however it falls is just the way it goes. At this point we're just focused on winning."

This is the first of back-to-back meetings between the two teams. For the first time in nearly a month, the Redblacks will be the better rested team. The Bombers last played five days ago, while Ottawa has had nine days off after a stretch

of three home games in 11 days.

"It felt different that's for sure," said Ottawa defensive back Antoine Pruneau. "After a couple days of practice it seemed like the game was still so far away, but the good thing is we got some rest and guys had a chance to heal some injuries.

"But trust me we are excited to play again." Redblacks coach Rick Campbell has kept his message simple this week.

"We know there's great opportunities ahead and we want to make sure we seize those opportunities," said Campbell.

"The key to it is to focus on how to get it done which is lining up and playing good football for 60 minutes and the results come with that."

Last week the Blue Bombers defence gave up over 300 yards and three touchdowns. The Redblacks also struggled defensively in its last outing giving up five touchdowns, including the game winner in the final minute of play as Toronto defeated Ottawa 38-35.

"We know we need to be better," said Pruneau. "Winnipeg was dangerous on special teams last week and we're going to need to be

ALOUETTES

Lewis excited about playing with Glenn again

Receiver Nik Lewis is delighted to be reunited with veteran quarterback Kevin Glenn. The two were teammates in 2012 and 2013 with the Calgary Stampeders and got back together when the Montreal Alouettes acquired Glenn in a trade this week.

"He was my favourite quarterback that I've played with," Lewis, who joined Montreal this season, said Thursday. "I just love his attitude and the way he approaches the game."

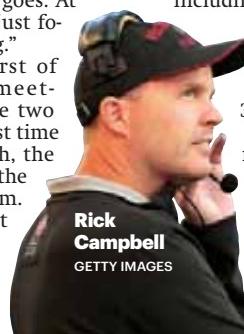
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aware. If we stick to our assignments we'll be fine."

The Redblacks will be without running back Jeremiah Johnson, the CFL's touchdown leader, who suffered a season-ending foot injury against Toronto last week, but the Redblacks have full confidence in backup William Powell.

Powell had only been on the active roster for three games, most of that as a kickoff returner, but after taking over from Johnson in the last game Powell had 105 yards from scrimmage and looked comfortable with the added responsibilities.

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HOCKEY

Coaches seem to like new challenge option

Throughout Jonathan Bernier's career, referees have skated to him and apologized for missing a goaltender interference call in a previous game. He gets it.

"That's just part of hockey," the Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender said.

"It's such a fast game, and they can't be in great position all the time."

In the first game under the NHL's new coach's challenge system for goaltender interference and offside situations, Montreal Canadiens forward Tomas Plekanec interfered with Bernier.



Ideally, if it can help us, let's do it.

Toronto Maple Leafs coach Mike Babcock

Some quick work from Leafs assistant Andrew Brewer led to coach Mike Babcock initiating the first challenge and Jeff Petry's goal being overturned.

The Blues weren't as fortunate when they tried a few days later. Teams are 2-for-5 on coach's challenges through the first week under the new system — 2-for-4 on goalie interference and 0-for-1 on offside plays.

The first impression of challenges, valid only on goals scored with potential goaltender interference or offside plays, is that it'll take plenty of goals off the board and that coaches will be aggressive in using them.

"If we think there's even a 50 per cent chance, we're going to take the risk," Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said.

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ALCS STARTERS

Volquez faces Estrada in Game 1 of ALCS

The Kansas City Royals are sending Blue Jays antagonist Edinson Volquez to the mound for Game 1 of their AL Championship Series, while Toronto is countering with ALDS Game 3 winner Marco Estrada.

The opening game is Friday night at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City.

It was Volquez whose inside pitching drew the ire of the Blue Jays in early August, eventually leading to a pair of bench-clearing inci-

cents during their game at Rogers Centre.

After the game, he called Blue Jays star Josh Donaldson "a little baby" for complaining about his pitching.

The Royals will start Yordano Ventura in Game 2 on Saturday, while Johnny Cueto will pitch the third game in Toronto.

The Blue Jays will put David Price on the mound in Game 2, followed by Marcus Stroman and knuckleballer R.A. Dickey.

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STORYLINES AT THE ALCS

The Toronto Blue Jays will play the Kansas City Royals in the American League Championship Series starting Friday. Here are five intriguing stories heading into the best-of-seven series:

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George Bell vs. Royals in 1985. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP/CLIFF SCHIAPPA

1 We've seen this one before

The 2015 ALCS will be a rematch of the 1985 version, which saw Kansas City beat the Blue Jays in seven games. Toronto led the series 3-1 before the Royals clawed back to win the next three games and advance to the World Series, which the Royals ultimately won over St. Louis. Kansas City hasn't been able to win MLB's championship trophy since, and has been back to the final only once — last season.

3 Bad blood

Tensions ran high in a game at Rogers Centre in August. Royals pitcher Edinson Volquez hit Josh Donaldson with a pitch in the first inning, prompting home plate umpire Jim Wolf to issue warnings to both clubs. Volquez threw a change-up high and in on Donaldson in his next at-bat, then plunked Toronto shortstop Troy Tulowitzki but remained in the game. In the eighth, Toronto reliever Aaron Sanchez was ejected for hitting Kansas City's Alcides Escobar with a pitch. Benches cleared.

4 Is the Price right?

Toronto manager John Gibbons shocked Blue Jays fans when he used Price — his team's prized trade-deadline acquisition — out of the bullpen to relieve R.A. Dickey with a six-run lead in Game 4 of the ALDS. The left-handed ace threw 50 pitches in that game, making him unavailable for the fifth game. Price, the 2012 AL Cy Young winner and one of the front-runners for this year's best pitcher award, hasn't necessarily been able to translate that success into the post-season.



Jose Bautista

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5 Familiar faces

It didn't take Gibbons long to find a new job after he was fired from his first stint as Toronto manager during the 2008 season. He took a job as Kansas City's bench coach that off-season, working with the team until 2011. Gibbons has experience with the Royals core group, including position players Alex Gordon, Eric Hosmer, Jarrod Dyson, Alcides Escobar, Mike Moustakas and Salvador Perez, and pitchers Greg Holland, Luke Hochevar and Danny Duffy.

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 cup basmati rice
- 2 chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1-2 tsp curry powder or paste
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 2/3 cup of coconut milk
- 2/3 cup of chicken stock
- 1 large apple, peeled and sliced

- into thin wedges
• 1 cup of frozen peas
• 1/4 cup of plain yogurt

Directions

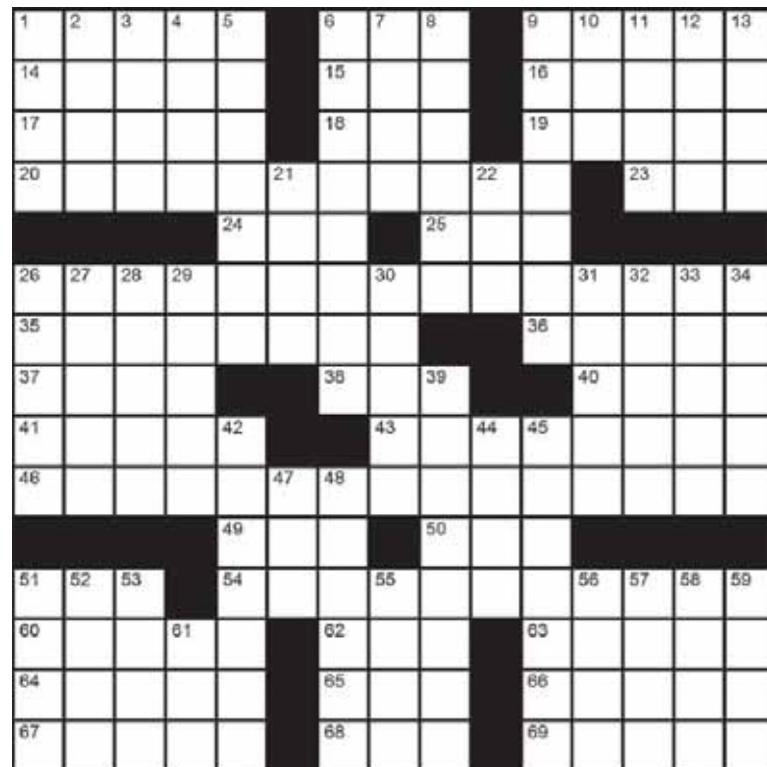
1. Prepare rice according to package instructions.
2. Brown the chicken in a bit of vegetable oil in large skillet. Add the onions and cook for about 5 more minutes. Then add the garlic and the curry and cook for another minute.
3. Add the coconut milk, chicken stock and soy and stir together.
4. Add the apple pieces and simmer for 5 minutes. Add the peas and allow them to warm through. Check to see that the chicken has cooked through.
5. Serve the curry over rice and top it with a bit of yogurt.

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ACROSS

1. Actress/singer Ms. Maracle
6. Hosp. readout
9. Fireplace flicker
14. "Alice" star Linda
15. Expert
16. Mediterranean island
17. Send to the House of Commons
18. 'Jag' add-on (Big spotted cat)
19. Yves Saint Laurent perfume
20. Gigantic red roadside attraction in Elm Creek, Manitoba: 2 wds.
23. He who loved Estella
24. Bemoan
25. French 'law'
26. FIFA 16, the new ___ by EA Sports, features women's national teams for the first time, including Canada
35. "... MacEvil" by Blood, Sweat & Tears
36. Knobby
37. End in ___ (Draw)
38. 'E' in HRE, briefly
40. Variant-spelled edge tool
41. Feelings
43. Move in pro wrestling: 2 wds.
46. Anglophones: 2 wds.
49. Boxing stat.
50. Gerard ___ Borch (Dutch painter)
51. Notable time



54. News, interviews, indie band airplay...
55. Student-run operation: 2 wds.
60. Enthusiasm
62. Jon Jovi link
63. Advertising suffix
64. Sparkle
65. Egg mass
66. Be victorious
67. Skirt's stitched spots
68. Hmmms...
69. Hayes and Connery

DOWN

1. Music notation

2. Nova Scotia's cap.
3. At all
4. Particular pudding
5. ___ days (From Friday, when it'll be Monday)
6. This brandy's French name means 'water'
- of life': 3 wds.
7. "If I Had \$1,000,000" vehicle
8. President Ford
9. Carly Rae Jepsen's latest album
10. Chart
11. Radar signal
12. Ornament-

- al case
13. Highway exit
21. Portable dwelling of Mongolia
22. San Francisco's ___ Valley
26. Pool table surface
27. Go ___ a limb
28. Including others in on the memo
29. Fish-holding basket
30. Poetic feet
31. "... Alice..." - Jefferson Airplane, "White Rabbit"
32. Befuddle
33. Madonna's actress friend Debi
34. For short in Science.. Na, Ne and Ni
39. Fare featured on #9-Down: 2 wds.
42. Funny television shows
44. Kiki and Sandra
45. Surnamesakes of Peter of Peter, Paul & Mary
47. Music style
48. Madrid 'man'
51. Frittata ingredients
52. Lindsay Lohan movie, "Georgia ___" (2007)
53. On the Atlantic
55. Ricky Nelson's "... Little Fool"
56. Movie director Mr. Posin
57. Mr. Carvey
58. David Bowie's wife
59. Quaker ___ Company
61. Highlands hat

*** IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20

You may suspect that someone is taking advantage of your easygoing nature but don't make a fuss about it. There is no percentage in getting angry with people who take a little bit for themselves at your expense. You can afford to be generous.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

There is an air of anticipation, as if something dramatic will happen. If you keep your head you will benefit from whatever changes take place.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

You might like to change the world but all you can really do is change yourself. Act only from the highest of principles today and set an example for others.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

What seemed like a setback yesterday will be seen in a much more positive light today. Your attitude toward success will change. There is no reason at all to be embarrassed if you find fame and fortune.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Your thoughts may be far away but you won't be allowed to neglect your duties for long. Employers will let you know in no uncertain terms if they think you are not pulling your weight.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your power to influence events is limited but why should that be a bad thing? Do you really need to change things that much? Maybe it is your perspective that is wrong.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you want something enough you will no doubt find a way to get it, but you will get it quicker and easier if you start thinking in terms of cooperation rather than conflict. There is only so much you can accomplish on your own.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The people you are closest to are feeling a bit neglected. Remind them what they mean to you. But don't give up on the hard work.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Whatever you do over the next few days will be a success. It will be even more of a success if you don't worry too much about how much it is likely to cost you. Money is not an issue.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Keep your plans to yourself today. If you let slip even a hint of what you are up to those who wish you ill will find ways to make things tough.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Any doubts you had about what you should be doing with your life will disappear over the weekend. Remember: you are who you are for a reason. Listen to your inner voice. Let it guide you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

The odds are in your favour so make things easy for yourself by swimming with the tide rather than fighting against it. If someone wants to do things for you today all you have to do is let them.

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